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**Housing  
in 'crisis'**

**REPORT**

**Over 15,000  
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**Zane  
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A new report paints a bleak picture of the state of affordable housing in Halifax.

"If it's not a crisis, it's going to be a crisis soon," said Coun. Wayne Mason.

The Housing Needs Assessment was presented before the city's Community Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting on Thursday. It says about 20 per cent of households in Halifax need low-income or "non-market" housing, and nearly half of those — more than 15,000 households — make less than \$17,000 annually.

But only four per cent of housing in the city qualifies as non-market housing, including co-ops, public housing and rent supplements.

The city places higher than the national average when it comes to the percentage of households in need of non-market housing.

The report says the need for such housing in Halifax will only increase in years to come.

Mason said the city doesn't have the "tools" to increase the amount of non-market housing available, and will need significant help from other levels of government to do so.

Unlike most cities in Canada — where the federal and provincial government pay for, and municipalities manage, housing — Mason said Halifax has no control.

"It's about making sure the province is fully engaged with the issue," he said.

At the meeting Thursday, the committee voted to put pressure on the province.



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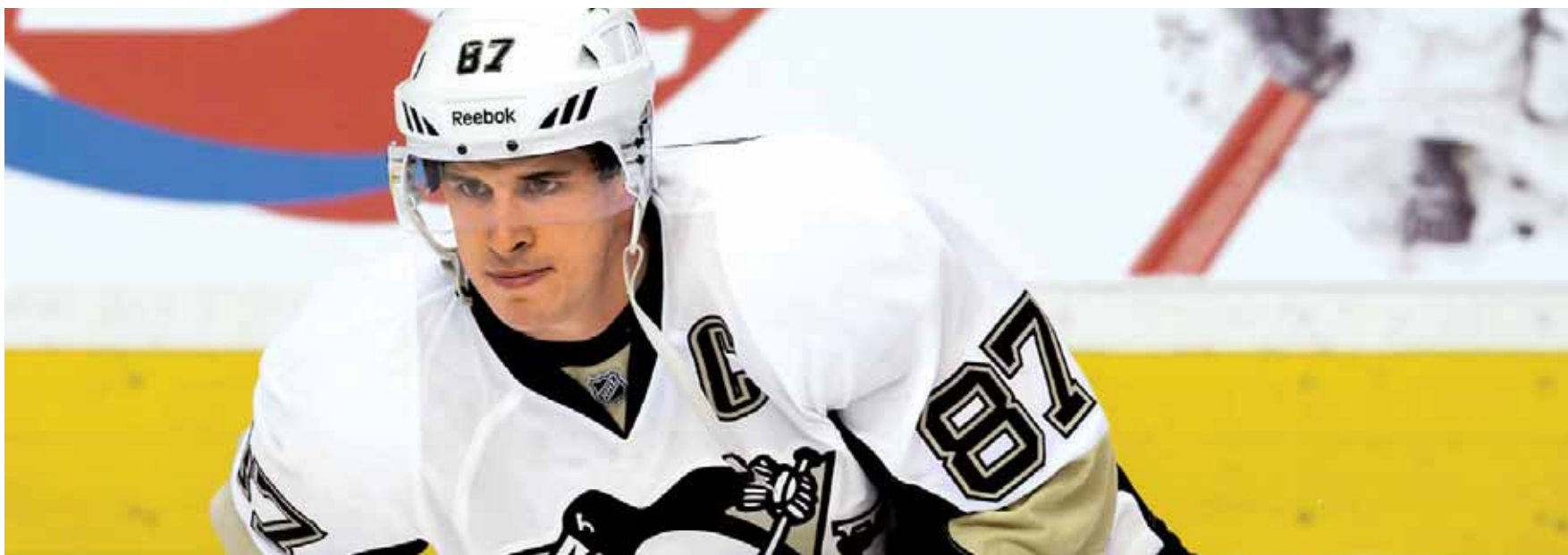
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Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby understands first-hand the overwhelming feelings invoked by professional sports — especially when his team is coming out on top. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ‘That’s just pure emotion’

### CELEBRATIONS

### Sidney Crosby is bat-flip crazy about Blue Jays, Jose Bautista

Hockey superstar Sidney Crosby is a fan of Jose Bautista and the Toronto Blue Jays.

Crosby said Thursday he was “locked in” watching the Blue Jays and that weirdly wonderful seventh inning against the Texas Rangers in the American

League Division Series.

Bautista’s bat flip after his seventh-inning homer — deemed by the Rangers as an insult — nonetheless stands as an iconic moment for the Blue Jays.

“You’ve got 50,000 people at home, with a home run like that, that’s just pure emotion,” Crosby said. “I don’t think he was trying to show anybody up. We’ve all been in different situations. That was pretty exciting. If there was a time for one, that would probably be it.”

Crosby had a few moments like that, winning the Stanley

“**I don’t think he was trying to show anybody up.**

Sidney Crosby on Jose Bautista’s bat flip

Cup once and Olympic gold twice. In the 2010 Winter Games, Crosby scored the golden goal in overtime.

Crosby also has no problem with baseball players celebrating every step along the way — from clinching a playoff berth to winning ser-

ies by series. That’s in stark contrast to hockey’s tradition of celebrating nothing — not even touching the two conference trophies — until they win the Stanley Cup.

“It’s fun for them,” Crosby said of baseball’s celebrations. “It’s all based on tradition and what you’re used to. I don’t have a problem with it. I’m sure it’d be weird for a (baseball) team not to celebrate.

“I watched the game. I’d be celebrating if I were them, too. It was an incredible game.”

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Jose Bautista flips his bat up in the air after his three-run home run in the seventh inning against the Texas Rangers in Game 5 of the ALDS on Wednesday. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

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# Riding braces for change

🍁 ELECTION 2015



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

No matter the results Monday night, there will be change in South Shore-St. Margaret's Bay.

Conservative MP Gerald Keddy had held the seat since 1997, before he announced in

May 2014 that he wouldn't be running in this election.

Before that, there was one Liberal MP for four years, and then nothing but the Progressive Conservatives since the riding's inception in 1968, when two South Shore ridings became one.

It's the third largest riding in the province, and argu-

ably one of the most picturesque — home to Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove and seven other lighthouses.

It stretches from Lower West Pubnico to Terrence Bay, including Lunenburg County, Queens Municipality and Shelburne County.

In 2011, Keddy won with nearly 40 per cent of the

popular vote, but the Liberals' Derek Wells — who won the seat in 1993 — wasn't far behind.

If polls are any indication, the tables will turn this year. Like many blue ridings across the country, South Shore-St. Margaret's Bay could be turning red, but the NDP won't be far behind.



## IN THEIR OWN WORDS Why they deserve your vote

### Richard Clark

#### Conservative

This election is about protecting our economy. Voters across the riding are telling me they're concerned about what the Liberal plan will mean, since the Liberals have opposed income-splitting for families and seniors. Only the Conservative Party will protect the economy with lower taxes, balanced budgets, more jobs, and increased exports through free trade agreements with 28 European countries and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.



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### Alex Godbold

#### NDP

I'm a high school teacher and I see too many of my students having to move away to find jobs. We're struggling with high unemployment, particularly in the western end of our riding. Seniors and vets need better supports. Good jobs, decent housing, accessible healthcare, environmental protection are issues I hear over and over. With your support, I'll work tirelessly here at home and in Ottawa to get action and results for our communities.



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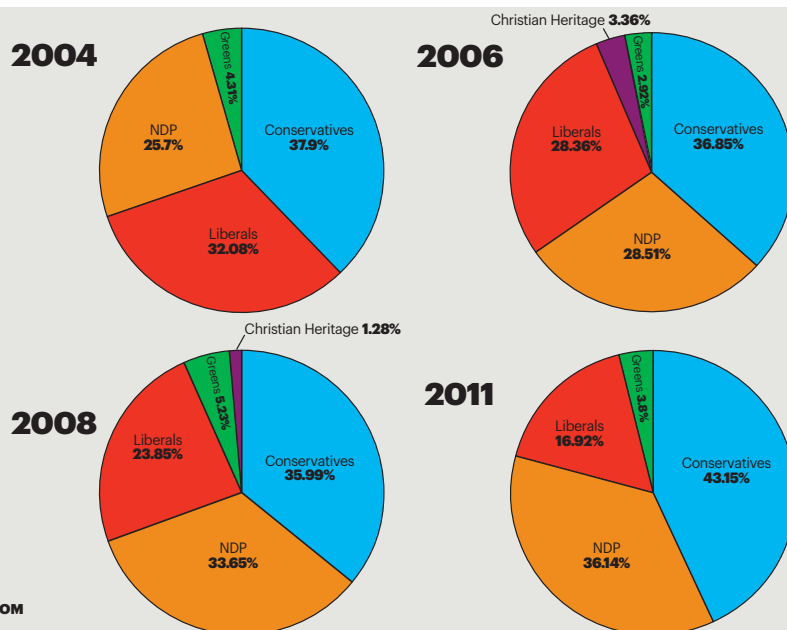
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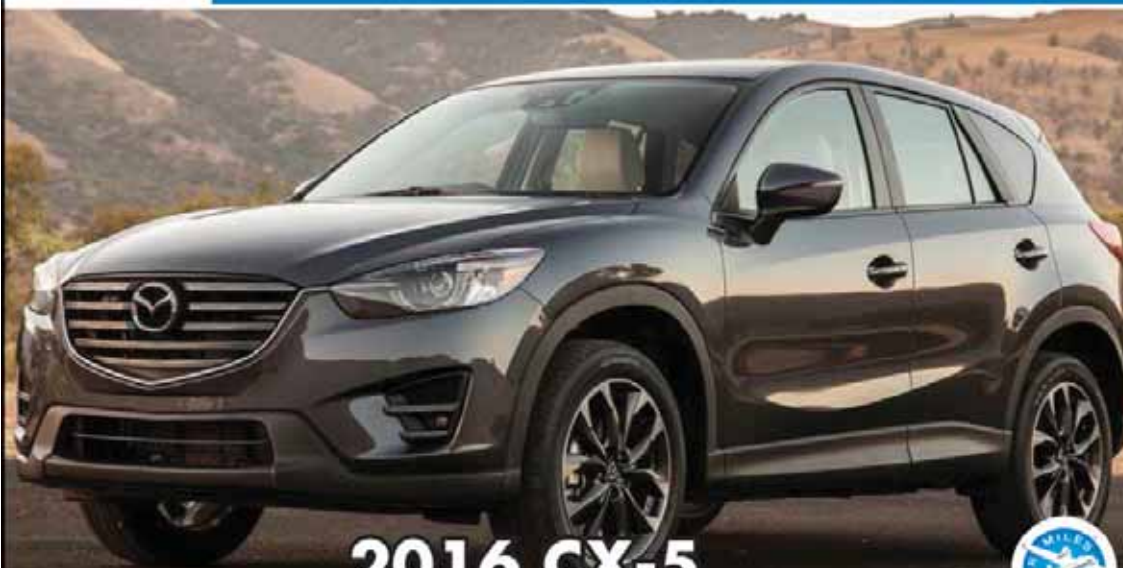
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# Suiting up to feel their pain

## HEALTH

## Metro reporter climbs hill to experience arthritis



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

My shoulders and neck ache, especially on my tensor right side.

Both of my knees feel as though they've just gone through growth spurts. My entire body feels heavy and tired.

This is similar to what it would feel like to suffer from rheumatoid arthritis.

I learn this as I wobble my way up central Halifax landmark Citadel Hill on a bright and crisp fall morning, wearing a red suit with black straps that reminds me more of a straitjacket, or maybe the most awkward onesie ever made.

"It's basically like a mountain climbing suit, almost," Adam Richardson, Atlantic region communications manager for the Arthritis Society of Canada, said Thursday of the outfit developed by biopharmaceutical company Abbvie, to give its wearer an idea of what life is like with the inflamed joints and painful movements that come with arthritis.

"It's pretty intense," he warned, as I got all strapped in for my jaunt up the north side of the hill.

"Parts of it, you might not be able to wear, because it might



**Arthritis Society spokesman Adam Richardson, left, jogs up Citadel Hill on Thursday with Metro reporter Kristen Lipscombe, who is wearing a suit that simulates symptoms of the disease.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

just be so uncomfortable that you wouldn't want to go there."

But I say, "Let's go there." Bring it on.

If I'm going to wear this unflattering suit in public and then write about it, I want to be able to give the readers who haven't experienced arthritis themselves a true idea of how it might feel to have this debilitating disease, which Richardson tells me affects

one in four Nova Scotians.

"They lose all their joint mobility," Richardson said, "so that's what you're basically simulating."

Raising awareness about arthritis — just as this suit does — along with funds to support education, research and services, are exactly why the Arthritis Society started holding its Virtual Everest event two years ago.

## 4.6 million

The number of people across the country who have arthritis.

The event has raised \$36,000 since then.

"People who don't have arthritis will be running up and

down this hill 80 times for the event, either in teams or all by themselves," Richardson said of the annual fundraiser that mimics a climbing elevation similar to Mount Everest.

"The idea is that we can do it, but the reason we're doing it is for people who would find going up and down once to be an incredible struggle," he said.

And getting around in this dang suit certainly is a struggle.

## + BACKGROUND

This year's Virtual Everest event in support of the Atlantic chapter of The Arthritis Society of Canada is set for Nov. 1, with registration at 8 a.m. and the climb itself starting at 9 a.m. Contact Nicole Barron at 902-429-7025, ext. 8225, or email nbarron@arthritis.ca to get involved.

I walk up and down the first time, feeling hindered by my get-up, but still eager, opting to jog the second time around.

"What's the suit for?" curious joggers asked as they passed, as I moved at a much slower pace than them in my Frankenstein-like red suit.

Together, Richardson and I explained the concept to on-lookers, raising a little arthritis awareness along the way.

By the time we reached the bottom of the hill for the second time, I was more than ready to make my escape out of the suit's "restrictive qualities," and regain my everyday mobility.

It felt like several big weights had been lifted off my body, relief that is much more difficult to find for those with arthritis, which can be managed but not yet cured, Richardson said.

"Arthritis is actually one of the most common diseases in Canada," he said, adding that amounts to 4.6 million people — of all ages — across the country.

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# Caution out for green space plan

CITY HALL

## Councillors worried about 'greenbelting' land usage



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Halifax has completed the first stage of its plan to set aside and maintain green and recreational space throughout the municipality, but some councillors are concerned about whose land will be used.

At the city's Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee meeting Thursday, city staff presented a report detailing its work on the Green Network Plan — previously referred to as "greenbelting."

Dr. Doug Olsen, the city's lead consultant on the project, called it a "very forward

thinking initiative."

"There are very few places that have done this kind of work," he said.

This first phase of three that will make up the plan examines the landscapes the city is looking to use, the challenges in doing so and creates goals for the finished plan.

That finished plan will use a mix of private and public land to create the trails and green spaces, but some councillors think the city should either buy or trade for that land.

"That's no different from someone walking through your back yard because you've got a nice yard," said Coun. Steve Adams of the plan.

"You can't do that."

Coun. Wayne Mason replied that most greenbelting plans use some private land, but Coun. David Hendsbee took Adams' side as well.

The next phase of the plan will be finished in February, and a full plan is expected to be completed in June.

## + FORT NEEDHAM

The city's Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee voted Thursday to adopt a master plan to revitalize a park in North End Halifax.

As its ground zero, Fort Needham Park off Nova Scotia Drive is "the most notable site associated with the Halifax Explosion," and where the city holds commemorative events annually on the anniversary of the Explosion.

Ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Explosion in 2017, the city is looking to "transform" the space, which area Coun. Jennifer Watts referred to as "neglected."

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## SMU gets \$1.5M from two donors for master's program

A new major donation will allow a master's program at Saint Mary's University in Halifax to take the "next step," says the school's president.

On Thursday, SMU announced that Scotiabank as well as Mike Durland, CEO of global banking and markets at the company, with his wife Catherine, have donated a combined \$1.5-million to the Master of Technology Entrepreneurship & Innovation (MTEI) program.

"You are investing in our future," SMU president Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray said during the campus event.

"Thank you for believing in us and what we do."

Of the total funds, \$1-million from Scotiabank will go towards a professorship for Dr. Dawn Jutla over 10 years, while the remaining \$500,000 goes to MTEI student scholarships and the Durland Innovation Fund, which makes three people per year eligible for \$20,000 each.

Since the MTEI began in 2013, enrolment has gone from a few to 22 this year, and Summerby-Murray said



**Mike Durland, CEO of global banking and markets at Scotiabank, speaks during the funding announcement at Saint Mary's University on Thursday.** HALEY RYAN/METRO

the donation allows the school to take "the next step" in providing incentives within the program.

He said the program can now better provide the academic leadership for students to go through their studies, and learn multiple processes for bringing great ideas and technologies into the marketplace.

Stephanie White, \$10,000 scholarship recipient, said

after the event having the funds as an international student "makes a big difference" and she'd like to stay here for at least a few years after graduation.

"There are a lot of opportunities definitely reeling me in," said White, who is from Antigua.

"It's definitely a boost to the Nova Scotia economy by having this program."

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**The new Wallace McCain Learning Commons at Dalhousie University had its grand opening on Thursday. It was built for \$6 million and is aiming for LEED Gold.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

## 'Where education will really bloom'

## UNIVERSITY

### New learning commons for Dalhousie



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

A new Halifax university building gives "urgently needed" study space on campus thanks to a multimillion-dollar donation.

On Thursday, Dalhousie University opened the Wallace McCain Learning Commons attached to the Life Sciences Centre (LSC), featuring multiple rooms for study and group work, open areas, chairs, computer tables and a green roof where people can gather in nice weather.

"Having somewhere to go in-between classes instead of having to walk all the way to the library ... is really nice," said Alex Dufort as she looked around the new centre with fellow third-year marine biology student Josh Madsen.

"We've been wanting a space

in the LSC that we can go sit down and do our homework in."

Madsen said he's especially interested in whether students will be able to book study rooms ahead of time, perhaps for meetings of the Dalhousie Association of Marine Biology Students.

"We couldn't hear anything. They're nice and soundproof," Madsen said about the rooms.

Dalhousie president Richard Florizone spoke during the event about how the space will help not only science students but all students on campus, as well as people in the community, to have a place to collaborate.

"It's urgently needed and it's such a thrill to see it become a reality today," Florizone said.

The 13,600 square-foot space was built for \$6 million and is aiming for LEED Gold, Florizone said. There are also Dalhousie Libraries' student navigators answering questions and delivering IT help.

The learning commons was made possible due to an \$8-million donation from the late Wallace McCain and his wife Mar-

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**Obviously, \$8 million gets you a lot of nice fancy things.**

Josh Madsen, student

garet McCain, who attended the launch.

McCain said the idea for the building began seven years ago when Wallace spoke with former president Tom Travis about investing in Dalhousie, since she said the school is one of the top places of higher learning in Canada "and we wanted to be part of keeping that reputation."

What happens in the classroom or lab is only one small part of the university learning experience, McCain added.

"It gives students a place to ... mingle and mix, to share ideas and experiences, to share their visions and their dreams with their fellow students," McCain said.

"This is where education will really bloom."

## INFORMATION SCIENCES

## Dalhousie partners with Library and Archives Canada

Dalhousie University is partnering with Library and Archives Canada to share expertise, research and technology between the two organizations, according to the university.

Dalhousie president Dr. Richard Florizone and Librarian and Archivist of Canada Dr. Guy Berthiaume signed the

agreement on Thursday.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to share with one another the knowledge and expertise that will help support the innovative work our organizations are undertaking," said Florizone in a statement.

A committee made up of four members from Dalhousie

and four from LAC will decide on which projects to collaborate. Types of project may include workshops, exchanges to develop certain skills and formal work placement programs.

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# Snap, crackle, paper-clip

## DARTMOUTH

### Woman bites into metallic surprise while eating treat

Police are investigating the latest case of a potential food-tampering incident in the city.

Halifax Regional Police say a woman called them this week after discovering a paper-clip when she bit into a Kellogg's Rice Krispies treat

bar that she had purchased at the Superstore on Braemar Street in Dartmouth about three months ago.

"The bar came in a box of eight individually wrapped bars. Fortunately, she wasn't injured and the incident was reported to the Superstore by police," a police release states.

The woman contacted police Wednesday.

Police are asking anyone who finds foreign objects in food to not throw out the food or packaging, and to contact them. METRO



A Superstore customer contacted police after discovering a foreign object in a Kellogg's Rice Krispies bar. CONTRIBUTED

## LOWER SACKVILLE

### Power tools stolen outside of city: RCMP

Police are investigating several incidents of power tools being stolen this week in Sackville and Tantallon.

Just after 2 a.m. Thursday, Halifax District RCMP said suspects entered a van parked in a private driveway on Rankin Drive in Lower Sackville and stole a number of tools.

They are valued between

\$7,000 and \$10,000, and most bear the DeWalt brand name. The tools are also labelled with the owner's name or MRS Construction in permanent marker.

On Tuesday evening, RCMP were also called to investigate two break-ins to Tantallon outbuildings.

A utility trailer parked at

a construction site on Westridge Drive was broken into, and several Dewalt tools and other brands were stolen.

A storage container at the rear of a business in the 400 block of Cobeguid Road was also broken into, and a generator and a number of small power tools were stolen.

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The stolen power tools are valued between \$7,000 and \$10,000, and are labelled with the owner's name or MRS Construction.

## LOWER TRURO

### Police investigating violent hotel robbery

Police are investigating after a woman was violently robbed in a Nova Scotia hotel room.

RCMP say the incident happened last Saturday around 4 a.m. at the Comfort Inn in Lower Truro.

According to police, a man entered one of the hotel rooms through an unlocked outside door. When confronted by the woman inside, the suspect struck her in the face and fled with some money.

The 58-year-old victim

## + DESCRIPTION

There is a limited description of the suspect — only that he is about five-foot-11 with light-tanned skin.

from Antigonish suffered minor injuries to her face and foot.

Police say all signs point to the incident being random. They are calling it a "crime of opportunity." METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Man arrested for possession of cocaine, marijuana, knife

RCMP in Nova Scotia have arrested a man after they seized a prohibited knife, cocaine and marijuana during a traffic stop.

The man was originally stopped at about 11:40 a.m. Tuesday for speeding along the Cabot Trail in Wreck Cove.

During the stop, an of-

ficer noticed a prohibited knife inside the truck. A quantity of cocaine and marijuana were also found in the truck.

As a result, the 27-year-old from the Ingonish area will face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a prohibited weapon.

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# Mall grants teen's wish

## GENEROSITY

### Cancer survivor goes on \$5,000 shopping spree

**Emma Davie**  
For Metro | Halifax

The Children's Wish Foundation made a young girl's dream come true by sending her on a shopping spree at Mic Mac Mall on Thursday morning.

"I could barely sleep," said 14-year-old Bianca Lombard, who was buzzing with excitement.

"I'm going to get Jordans, a mini fridge and I'm going to get a candy machine," she said with a big smile, adding that she's most excited about her Nike Jordan shoes.

Bianca, who recently had a tumour removed from her skull, had \$5,000 to spend, but that didn't include the gifts coming from many retail outlets.

"We love being involved with things like this, especially when the child is so de-



**Bianca Lombard, centre, and her friend Cheyenne hold bags after making their first large purchase at Mic Mac Mall. EMMA DAVIE/FOR METRO**

serving. She's a really sweet girl," said Tia Hathaway, the Guest Services Supervisor at Mic Mac Mall.

"We try to go that extra

mile. We sent out a memo to our retailers, so a lot of retailers have come on board and done a little extra special something for Bianca."

This included decorations and signs in store windows to welcome Bianca.

"The mall has been absolutely incredible. They've gone



**They've gone over and above doing this for her.**

Jacob Rafuse,  
Wish Coordinator for the  
Nova Scotia chapter

over and above doing this for her," said Jacob Rafuse, the Wish Coordinator for the Nova Scotia chapter.

Rafuse said they received a referral from one of the nurses at the IWK Health Centre. Doctors had found a tumour at the base of Bianca's skull, which was successfully removed.

"It was pretty intense, pretty scary. Her mom said that if they hadn't reacted as quickly as they did, we may not be here today doing this wish. So we're very grateful," he said.

Bianca's family and friends were there to remind her not to worry about the cost — this day was about her.

"It means the world to her. She has been waiting for this moment for a long time," said Bianca's mom Angela Lombard.

## COURT APPEAL

### Sobeys appeals racial profiling ruling in N.S.

Sobeys is appealing a human rights decision against the grocery store chain in Nova Scotia.

Last week, a board of inquiry with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission found that staff at a Halifax-area Sobeys racially discriminated against a customer after falsely accusing her of shoplifting.

In documents filed with the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, Sobeys says inquiry chair Marion Hill allowed a breach of the rules of procedural fairness.

The document also says Hill made arbitrary rulings against the company on evidentiary issues, and didn't give Sobeys a fair opportunity to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

In May 2009, Andrella David was accused by an employee at the Sobeys in Tantallon of being a known shoplifter.

The board's decision says there was no indication that David, a black woman, had attempted to steal from the store.

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# Better police access to schools pondered

## EDUCATION

### Government to review policy in wake of Rehtaeh's death

Concerns raised in a report about the Rehtaeh Parsons case have prompted Nova Scotia's education minister to review how school boards deal with police investigations.

Parsons was 17 when she taken off life-support in April 2013 after attempting suicide. Her case attracted national attention when her family alleged she had been sexually assaulted in November 2011 at the age of 15 and then bullied after a digital photo of the alleged assault was passed around her school.

Last week, an independent report into how police and prosecutors handled the case found school board officials prevented a police investiga-

tor from talking to students at Parsons' school.

Segal's report goes on to say that some support "at a higher level" could have helped convey to school authorities that child pornography was being disseminated throughout the school and that it was "important that either police or school authorities" speak to the students.

On Thursday, Education Minister Karen Casey said school board officials did the right thing despite the perception they were thwarting an investigation.

"It's my understanding that the administrators in the school did follow the protocol that had been established," she said after a cabinet meeting.

However, Casey said the concerns raised in last week's report have prompted a review of each board's protocol to determine if any need improvement.

As well, she said a province-wide policy may be needed.

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**Murray Segal arrives at One Government Place in Halifax to deliver the Independent Review of the Police and Prosecution Response to the Rehtaeh Parsons case last week.**

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## NAFTA

### Halifax defends mill's power rate

A U.S. Commerce Department decision to continue imposing tariffs on a Cape Breton paper mill is based on an erroneous assumption about what constitutes a subsidy, the Nova Scotia government said Thursday.

Provincial cabinet minister Andrew Younger said while it's true Port Hawkesbury Paper is getting electricity at a reduced rate from Nova Scotia Power, that does not amount to a subsidy.

"There will be a number of appeals that will be moving forward," he said after a cabinet meeting. "We don't think it's fair."

Younger, speaking on behalf of Trade Minister Michel Samson, said the cheaper power rates from the privately owned utility don't constitute a subsidy because, under U.S. rules, subsidies must come from government entities.

He stressed that the decision to offer lower rates to the mill came from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, which is an arm's-

## + APPEAL

### To be continued

A spokesman at the Cape Breton mill has said the company would appeal the decision.

length agency.

"The board decided that was not a subsidy from rate-payers," he said. "Very clearly, there is no subsidy from government, in our view."

The U.S. Commerce Department has said countervailable subsidies are "financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries."

Younger, the environment minister, also said the province is pleased the federal government is getting involved in the file, and he's hoping Ottawa will launch a formal challenge through the World Trade Organization.

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# Nocturne art festival to see 'busiest year yet'

## CULTURE

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Get ready to get lost and found, and found again.

Halifax is gearing up for the eighth annual Nocturne: Art at Night festival this Saturday.

The free event, put on by volunteers, showcases the arts scene in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.

Last year, more than 25,000 people attended.

"It's definitely our busiest year yet," said Lindsay Ann Cory, the acting chair and program director for Nocturne.

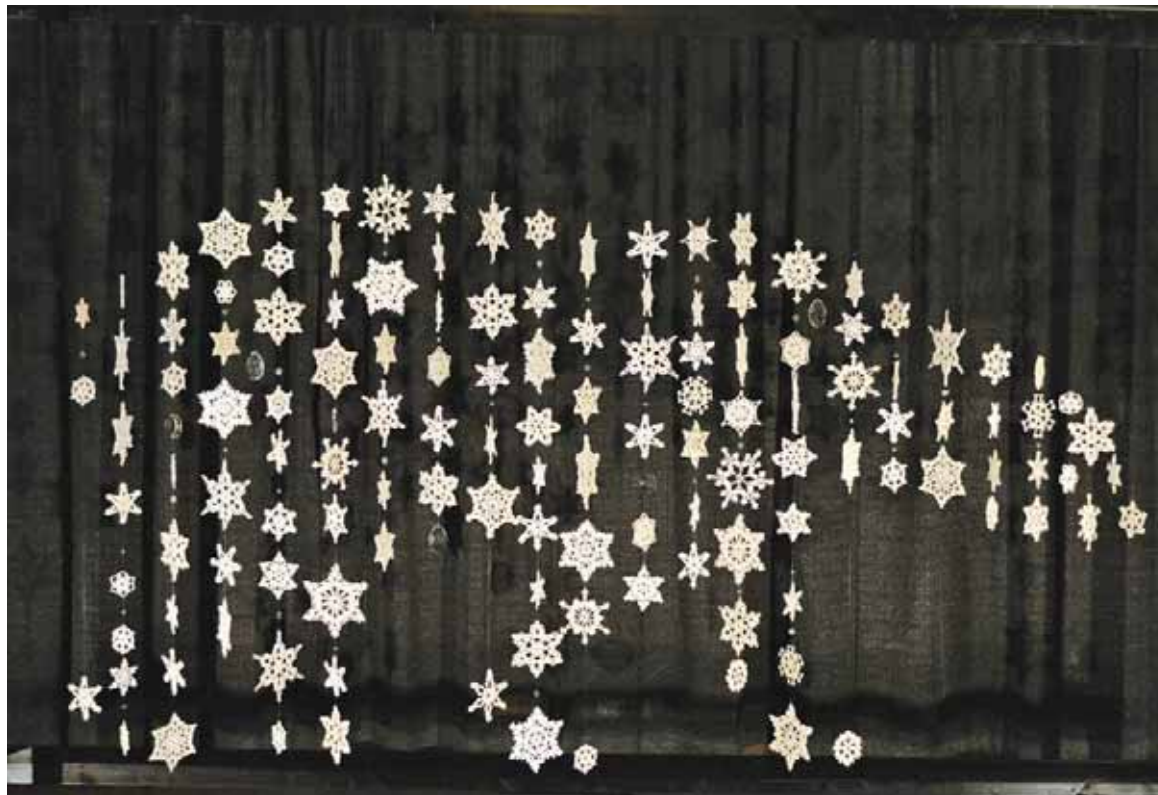
People are invited to travel to fixed points throughout the city where projects will be showcased based on this year's theme, Found and Lost and Found.

"It's really about rediscovery, but also lamenting the loss of things that aren't here anymore," Cory said.

"Halifax goes through changes constantly and where one amazing building pops up, like the library, we lose another, like the Khyber."

Cory said Nocturne gives artists the chance to find their voice, and then share that with the community.

One such artist is Janice Wright Cheney from Fredericton, who submitted a project to Nocturne for the first time



Spectre, shown here, is one of the presentations for Saturday night's Nocturne: Art at Night festival in Halifax. CONTRIBUTED

**I think people should allow themselves to be surprised. There's so much happening this year.** Lindsay Ann Cory

this year.

"It brings people out that may not typically come to galleries or take part in viewing contemporary art. So it presents it to the public in a fun way," she said.

Wright Cheney, who teaches at the New Brunswick Col-

lege of Craft and Design, said she's amazed with how many people attended last year.

"You can hang your work up in a gallery and have it there for a few months and not have 25,000 people come see it."

Her piece, Spectre, tells the

story of a polar bear named Buddy who lived in the Banff Park Museum zoo in the early 1900s.

"The zoo closed and they moved the animals to Calgary, and Buddy died of pneumonia a year later. So I was just thinking a lot about the bear and the life of the bear and his story."

The piece, made of crocheted snowflakes stiffened with salt, will be shown in the Anna Leonowens Gallery.

## + INFORMATION

- Nocturne 2015 runs between 6 p.m. and midnight this Saturday.
- Two free Nocturne shuttle buses will run a loop in Halifax, along with a shuttle from Halifax to Dartmouth.
- Visit nocturnehalifax.ca for complete event details.

## TOP PICKS

### 1) Ferris Wheel, Anna Sprague

Viewers are led through the main entrance of the Halifax Citadel where they can hop on a Ferris wheel running slowly in reverse. The scene will be surrounded by carnival dancers and set to a background of eerie, backwards carnival music.

### 2) Digital Shrine, Sharon Stevens

Participants can send messages to the dead at Digital Shrine, located at Camp Hill Cemetery off Summer Street. Heartfelt messages, things people wish they'd said or even just names are projected against a screen to light up the living.

### 3) Cut, Members of #NSFilmJobs

Step into a film set frozen in time. Mannequins suspended mid-production reflect the film industry waiting to see what will happen after the cut to the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit. Cut can be viewed at the Pavilion on Cogswell Street.

### 4) Urban Paper Illuminated, Frankie Macaulay

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# READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's daily primer on what the parties are saying about the issues that matter to urban Canadians



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau poses for a selfie with a student while touring Mohawk College, in Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means 61 per cent of young people are now getting exactly what they deserve from politicians: nothing, Rosemary Westwood argues. PAUL CHIASSON/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Don't just 'expect' democracy



**ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**  
Metro

Over the course of last week, in a deeply franco-phone suburb of Montreal, 2,017 students on one CEGEP campus cast a vote.

None of those ballots will count on Monday's election. They're part of Student Vote, a non-partisan push to engage young Canadians in politics via mock elections.

But Semra Sevi, the 26-year-old teacher who organized the vote, hopes at least some of the fake ballots will translate into real ones.

Her students, aged 18 to 24, are part of the elusive "youth vote" — the cohort hailed by Rick Mercer as a democratic silver bullet that could "change the country," and sought by groups like [votesavvy.ca](http://votesavvy.ca), [youthvote.ca](http://youthvote.ca), the Council of Canadians vote pledge, and even Elections Canada, which set up special polls on Canadian campuses to lure more young Canadians.

All these efforts are admirable, and I genuinely hope they work. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means that 61 per

cent of young people are getting exactly what they deserve from politicians this time around: nothing. Election platforms are offering to people under 45 pennies for every dollar offered to those over 65, according to a Generation Squeeze report.

Why, some ask, would politicians speak to a group that doesn't bother to vote? Why, others ask, would people vote for politicians who ignore them? Some call it apathy; others prefer cynicism.

My view: we're spoiled brats.

You know why young people don't feel the need to value democracy? Because they expect it. For most of us, life in Canada is pretty great. Even for those Canadian children growing

up in poverty, there are still benefits to living in Canada that cannot be found in many places in the world — small freedoms, such as they are: the lack of a brutal dictator, free schools, clean air.

When Semra Sevi was asking her students about voting, before she started the Student Vote campaign, they told her they felt ignored by politicians. "They didn't feel like politicians deserved their vote," she told me.

But the question isn't whether politicians deserve your vote: it's whether democracy deserves your participation. Anyone who refuses to vote is freeloading. They are abdicating their responsibility, yes, but far more importantly, they are

expecting the rest of us to pick up the slack. That's true even of those seeking political change through activism, who would lobby officials for change, without bothering to help elect them.

I've been racking my brain trying to think up some kind of experience that we could give young people so they could no longer hold onto the excuse of ignorance.

Some kind of equivalent to the dangerous two-hour journey to school taken by a boy and his sister in Kenya, and depicted in the documentary *On the Way to School*. You know what the kids do when they finally get to class? They shut up and listen to their teacher. They had to work so hard just to get there, that they hungered for an education.

And yet we, steeped as we are in the benefits of a rich democracy, seem already far too well-fed.

If young people do not, a la Mercer, "change the country" this time around, I'll be hard pressed to hold out much hope for the next time.

And what they say about us millennials will in fact be true: we have no idea how good we have it.

### 2015 ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Rosie Westwood reflects on the key issues.

- TUES. Women
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**“Anyone who refuses to vote is freeloading. They are abdicating their responsibility, yes, but far more importantly, they are expecting the rest of us to pick up the slack.”**

## QUICK GUIDE YOUTH ISSUES

Here's a breakdown of promises and legislative measures from the **NDP**, **Liberals**, **Conservatives** and **Greens**

### ON EDUCATION

#### Conservatives:

- Promise to raise government contribution to education savings plans.
- Lower the minimum course length required to qualify for financial assistance from 60 to 34 weeks.

#### Liberals:

- Increase Canada Student Grants by 50 per cent.
- Allow students to wait until they're earning \$25,000 a year before having to repay student loans.

#### NDP:

- Eliminate interest on student loans over seven years.
- Spend \$250 million to create 74,000 new grants for students over four years.
- Improve educational outcomes for First Nations.

#### Greens:

- Cut tuition fees for low-income students and families.
- Forgive all student loans over \$10,000.
- Eliminate interest on new student loans.

### ON YOUTH JOBS

#### Conservatives:

- Increase apprenticeship job creation tax credit.
- Aim to create 1.3 million net new jobs overall by 2020.

#### Liberals:

- Spend \$300 million a year to create 120,000 jobs.
- Create 5,000 "green" jobs.
- Spend \$40 million a year to support new co-op placements for students.

#### NDP:

- Establish \$15-an-hour minimum wage.
- Provide up to \$100 million a year to create more than 40,000 jobs, paid internships and co-op placements for youth over four years.

#### Greens:

- Create Youth Community and Environment Service Corps, which would provide minimum-wage employment for 40,000 youth every year for four years.

**LATEST POLL**

**LIB 37% CON 29% NDP 23%**

Source: Nanos/CTV



# Leaders take aim at Trudeau

ELECTION 2015

## Grits fire back with criticism of Harper's Ford support

The Dan Gagnier drag chute billowed out behind the Liberal campaign Thursday, giving Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair a badly needed chance to catch up to the apparent front-runner, Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau, however, gave as good as he got — at least as far as the Conservative leader was concerned — by amping up the outrage over Rob and Doug Ford's recent appearance on the Tory trail.

Gagnier, the party's campaign co-chairman, abruptly quit his volunteer post Wednesday after The Canadian Press disclosed details of an email in which he provides lobbying advice to an oil pipeline company.

That gave Harper and Mulcair the perfect opportunity to take a swing at a long-standing Achilles heel for the Liberals: the sponsorship scandal.



The Conservatives and NDP attacked apparent front-runner Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, with remarks about the sponsorship scandal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"They can try to put a fresh face on it, but behind the scenes it's still the same old gang pulling the same old tricks," said the NDP's Mulcair, who — campaigning in Montreal, where he needs a reversal of fortune — could barely contain his glee.

"You can't trust the Liberals. It's the same old Liberal party."

Trudeau, Mulcair noted, has been campaigning alongside former Liberal stalwarts Jean Chretien and Paul Martin, who presided over the party during the sponsorship scandal, in which firms won contracts based on donations to the Liberals with little work being done. Some of the cash was kicked back to

Liberal operatives.

Harper, who was in Opposition at the height of the controversy, also seized on the chance to break out some of his greatest hits.

"I think we should all understand that the culture of the Liberal party that gave us the sponsorship scandal has not changed



## WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY

• **Stephen Harper** will be in Quebec City.

• **Justin Trudeau** will be in Ontario in Mississauga, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Markham.

• **Tom Mulcair** will be in Lac-Mégantic, Que., and in Edmonton.

• **Elizabeth May's** itinerary was unavailable.

and it will not change."

Gagnier stepped down after it was revealed he emailed officials at TransCanada Corp., the company behind the Energy East pipeline, with advice on how and when to lobby a new government — including a Liberal minority.

For his part, Trudeau said Gagnier's departure demonstrates that the Liberals "take ethical standards and responsibilities extremely seriously."

The controversy has the potential to dramatically upend the narrative that had been taking shape during the campaign's final week — especially in Quebec, where Energy East is a div-

isive issue.

All of which, of course, is why Trudeau jumped on the chance to drop the most powerful four-letter F-bomb in all of Canadian politics: Ford.

Harper should be "embarrassed that he's having to count on the support of Rob Ford for his re-election," Trudeau said.

Former Toronto mayor and current city councillor Rob Ford, who has admitted to smoking crack cocaine, appeared at a Harper event earlier this week with his brother Doug, who has admitted smoking marijuana in high school.

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## CAMPAIGN TRAIL

## Harper stays mum on majority

Stephen Harper moved on to more optimistic turf for his party Thursday, starting a swing through Quebec after several days of sweating it out on the high-stakes electoral battlefield of Ontario.

But he's not quite optimistic enough to go where his Liberal rival did earlier this week when Justin Trudeau uttered the word "majority."

In response to a reporter's question, Trudeau said he is asking voters to give his Liberal party a majority. Harper,

who was burned in 2004 for making similar late-campaign remarks, made it clear Thursday he's not following suit.

Campaigning in Trois Rivières, Que., Harper was asked why he wasn't making the same request as Trudeau in these final days.

"We never take voters for granted in my party. That's not our approach," Harper said. "This is a tight race. We're here to encourage choice."

The choice, as the Con-

servative campaign puts it, is between a Liberal government made that Harper says would drain money from Canadian wallets, and a Conservative government that would help keep it there.

It's a point Harper has been illustrating all week by bringing a family or business owner up on stage to have them literally count out cash onto a waiting table, all to the incessant cha-ching of an old-timey cash register.

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## EDUCATION

## UBC official resigns after probe

A senior official at the University of British Columbia has stepped down after a retired judge found the institution failed to protect a professor's academic freedom when she wrote a critical blog post.

Former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Smith cleared chairman John Montalbano of wrongdoing in the incident, but she said in a report that he made "errors of judgment" and that the university as a whole fell down.

Montalbano said Thursday he felt "gratified" by the report

and that the board of governors had asked him to return to his role, from which he temporarily stepped aside during an investigation.

"I feel, however, that my presence might serve as a distraction from the important work facing UBC in the months ahead," he said in a statement.

The clash between Montalbano and Prof. Jennifer Berdahl erupted in August when she speculated on her blog that former president Arvind Gupta quit because he "lost the masculinity

contest" at UBC.

Berdahl alleged in a follow-up entry that Montalbano had called her and threatened her funding over the "harmful" and "inaccurate" post, while her Sauder School of Business superiors had discouraged her from speaking further.

Smith was hired to investigate the allegations. After interviewing 17 people, she concluded that no one person intentionally or directly tried to interfere with Berdahl's academic freedom. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Poilievre expenses \$15K for photo-op

## INVESTIGATION

### Employment Minister used tax dollars to plug benefit

Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre expensed \$2,200 for a trip to Winnipeg where he held a photo op to watch government cheques for families coming off the presses.

Expense records obtained by the Star show Poilievre billed the public for approximately \$15,300 for travel while searching for families not signed up for enhanced child care benefits between mid-April and the end of June.

Poilievre said his travels were important to meet Canadians on their own turf after being appointed minister of Employment and Social Development, and his office said he conducted other business



Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre responds to a question during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

on these trips.

"It was important for me as a new minister of the largest department in government ... to be available for Canadians to share with me their views in how we can best serve them," said Poilievre, in an interview with the Star.

"And we were able to sign up thousands of parents for the Universal Child Care Benefit."

Poilievre held a series of photo ops and news conferences in five provinces and one territory between April 15 and June 30, the last day expense records were available in an

access to information request from the Star.

The \$15,300 includes only trips where Poilievre held an event to promote the UCCB. Other costs, such as political staff travel or bureaucratic support, were not included.

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## ELECTION 2015

### Conservatives snub downtown issues



**Gilbert Ngabo**  
Metro | Toronto

Conservative candidates completely ignored questions on the importance of downtowns in Canada, according to a new survey.

Downtowns Canada, an affiliate of the International Downtowns Association, set out last month to collect views from all political parties' candidates in 16 cities.

The survey was developed in consultation with local BIAs, and sought candidates' insights on how their party intends to address four key national issues: infrastructure/investment; social justice; affordable and social housing — with mental health and addictions support — as well as economic development.

No one candidate from the Conservative party either responded to the survey or par-

ticipated in the town hall discussions held as part of the study, according to the report slated to come out before the election.

"Clearly we'd have loved to hear all of the parties talk passionately about the importance of our downtown neighbourhoods, but that didn't happen," said Stefano Grande, chair of Downtowns Canada committee.

The group undertook the study in an effort to bring that discussion to a national level, by getting federal candidates involved in designing sustainable concepts from a grassroots level, he said.

Whether Conservatives' lack of participation in the study affects any future plans for the country's downtowns is up to individual voters to decide, Grande said.

"No matter what political party wins, our objective is to continue with this advocacy about the values of our downtowns," he explained.

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## KEN TAYLOR

### 'Hero' ambassador dies at 81

Ken Taylor, Canada's ambassador to Iran, who sheltered Americans at his residence during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis, has died. He was 81.

Taylor's wife, Pat, said Ken died Thursday after a two-month battle with colon cancer.

Taylor kept the Americans hidden at his residence and at the home of his deputy, John Sheardown, in Tehran for three months. Taylor facilitated their escape by arranging plane tickets and persuading the Ottawa government to issue fake passports.

Born in 1934 in Calgary, Tay-

lor was heralded as a hero for helping save the Americans — a clandestine operation that had the full support of then Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark's government. In a posting on Twitter, Clark called Taylor a Canadian hero and a valued friend.

Some of Taylor's exploits in Iran in 1979 later became the subject of the 2012 Hollywood film, *Argo*. Taylor and others felt the film underplayed the role he and Canada played.

Taylor's wife said his legacy is his generosity.

"He did all sorts of things for everyone without any ex-



**Ken Taylor** THE CANADIAN PRESS

pectation of something coming back," she told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

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## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### STI test rates plunge: Study

Young women in Ontario are being screened for sexually transmitted infections far less often since updated guidelines reduced the frequency of Pap tests for cervical cancer, a study suggests.

Researchers at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto found the guidelines, which were rewritten in 2012, reduced Pap smear rates by 60 per cent in the year after their introduction — and that led to a 50 per cent drop

in gonorrhea and chlamydia testing among women aged 15 to 24. Patients were also less likely to be screened for syphilis, hepatitis C and HIV.

Prior to 2012, women were advised to start cervical cancer screening within three years of becoming sexually active, followed by annual testing. After three normal Pap test results, subsequent screening was recommended every two or three years until age 70.

The updated guidelines by Cancer Care Ontario recommend starting Pap tests at age 21 for women who have been sexually active, with three-year screening intervals if test results are normal.

"Historically, we know that Pap tests and STI screening are linked because they're often performed at the same time," said lead author Dr. Tali Bogler, a family physician at St. Mike's.

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## Public dissection of lion sparks outrage

DENMARK

### Zoo accused of having a lack of compassion

A Danish zoo publicly dissected a year-old male lion Thursday, pulling out its blood-red organs to show a few hundred people — including children — an event met outside of Denmark with criticism and online protests.

Adult spectators brought scarfs to their noses to ward off the pungent smell as they watched the dissection, considered by many in this Scandinavian country of 5.6 million to be an educational program. The event was deliberately scheduled to take place during the annual fall school holidays.

A Brussels-based animal protection group, however, sharply criticized Odense Zoo for killing three healthy young lions this year.

One of central Denmark's

most popular tourist attractions, the Odense zoo has done public dissections for 20 years. On Thursday, scores of children stood around a table where the zoo had displayed a stuffed lion cub next to the lion being dissected.

Odense Zoo employee Lotte Tranberg said the male lion and its two siblings were killed in February because they were getting sexually mature and could have started mating with each other and the zoo wanted to avoid inbreeding. They also could have killed each other because they would have been kept in the same enclosure, she said.

On Facebook, a few dozen people on Thursday accused the zoo and Denmark of having a lack of compassion. But on the zoo's Facebook page, ordinary Danes defended the dissection, asking English-speaking commentators whether they ever had been to a slaughterhouse.

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Children reacts to the dissection of a dead male lion in Odense Zoo, Denmark, Thursday.

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## Cultural heritage sites threatened

A labour camp in Albania, a burial site in Chile and a Spanish mission in New Mexico are among a list of cultural heritage sites threatened by neglect, overdevelopment or social, political and economic change, a preservation group announced Thursday.

The World Monuments Fund's biennial list cited 50 sites from ancient times to modern times in 36 countries.

The New York-based preservation group began issuing its World Monuments Watch list in 1996 to call attention to important landmarks threatened around the world in an effort to promote awareness and action.

The organization listed the notorious Spac Prison in Alban-

ia for its advanced state of deterioration — a site the group said deserved to be saved as a modern place of remembrance.

The General Cemetery of Santiago, a burial site of presidents and other luminaries, was singled out because of the deterioration it has suffered from numerous earthquakes and consequent neglect.

In citing the 1629 San Estevan Del Rey Mission, the organization said restoration of the national historic landmark in Acoma, New Mexico, was long overdue and in dire need of investment.

The list is assembled by a panel of experts in archaeology, architecture, art history and preservation.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lockerbie bombing suspects sought

Scottish prosecutors say they have identified two Libyans as suspects in the 1988 bombing of a passenger jet over the town of

Lockerbie, and want to interview them in Tripoli.

The unnamed Libyans are suspected of involvement with Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, the only person convicted in the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Troops target Homs

SYRIA

### Russia strikes ISIL as Iran offers troops if needed

Syrian troops and their allies launched an offensive in the central province of Homs on Thursday and Russia's government said its warplanes carried out a rare airstrike near Damascus, targeting a position of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) southeast of the capital.

The offensive came as a senior Iranian official told reporters in Damascus that Tehran would consider sending troops to Syria only upon a request from the Syrian government.

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, the head of a parliamentary committee on national security and foreign policy, reiterated his country's full support for the Syrian government, stressing that a political solution is the only way for Syria to emerge from the current crisis.



Syrian army personnel fire a cannon in Latakia province, about 12 kilometres from the Syria-Turkey border, last week. ALEXANDER KOTS/KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA COURTESY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boroujerdi's comments came despite reports that hundreds of Iranian troops have already been deployed in northern and central Syria, dramatically escalating Tehran's involvement in the civil war as they join allied Hezbollah fighters in an ambitious offensive to wrest key areas from rebels.

A regional official who has

knowledge of operational details in Syria told The Associated Press on Wednesday about 1,500 Iranian revolutionary guards have arrived in Syria in the past two weeks. Other Syrian activists also reported the fresh arrival of Iranian troops.

Asked whether Iran has forces on the ground, Boroujerdi said: "According to Iran's

anti-terrorism strategy, we submitted weapons and experts to those two countries (Iraq and Syria). Any other request will be considered and debated in Iran."

Iranian and Syrian officials have long acknowledged Iran has advisers and military experts in Syria, but denied the presence of any ground troops.

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REFUGEE CRISIS

## EU leaders moving to shore up borders

Faced with a refugee emergency that is only likely to deepen, European Union leaders moved on Thursday to shore up the bloc's borders to the outside world and fundamentally reshape the way they deal with asylum seekers.

The leaders also struggled to persuade a reluctant Turkey to do more to stop tens of thousands of refugees entering Greece — offering vast amounts of money, easing visa restrictions for Turkish citizens and accelerating the country's EU membership talks.

According to draft conclusions seen by The Associated Press, an action plan for Ankara to help it manage the impact of some two million refugees will be rapidly implemented, and diplomats said that the country could receive several billion euros in additional funds.

But as the leaders met, senior EU officials lashed out at the leaders for failing to live up to past promises of funds and resources.

Thousands of people continue to risk the dangerous

journey daily. Greece recovered seven more bodies off the island of Lesbos Thursday after a migrant boat collision, and shivering newcomers streamed into Croatia.

They are just some of the more than 500,000 people fleeing war or poverty to enter Europe this year, most of them via Greece and Italy.

In response, EU leaders promised last month to provide hundreds of millions of euros for Syrian refugees and to help Africa better manage its borders, as well as funding experts to fingerprint and screen new arrivals in Italy and Greece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The European Commission has complained that only three of 28 nations have pledged a total of just \$13.7 million to a fund to help African nations better manage their borders. The pot is meant to total about \$2 billion over two years.



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# Valeant facing scrutiny in U.S.

## PHARMACEUTICALS

### Subpoenas follow price hikes for two heart drugs

Valeant Pharmaceuticals stock plunged again Thursday after the company said U.S. federal prosecutors in Massachusetts and New York are seeking information on its drug pricing, distribution and patient assistance program.

The Quebec-based company, the largest drug company in the country, said most of the materials requested by the subpoenas from the U.S. Attorney's offices in the two states relate to the company's patient assistance programs, including financial support provided for patients and pricing decisions.

The U.S. Congress became interested in Valeant following its purchase of the heart drugs Nitropress and Isuprel and subsequent price increases, which ranged from a doubling to a more than tripling in price for the drugs. The drugs are administered in hospitals as part of a larger treatment protocol.

Responding to a letter from Sen. Claire McCaskill, Valeant



Canada's largest drugmaker said most of the information requested relate to patient assistance programs, including financial support for patients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**\$4.9 billion**

Valeant Pharmaceuticals said its overall \$4.9 billion US in revenues in the first half of the year included only \$126 million US from Nitropress and \$121 million US from Isuprel.

chairman and CEO Michael Pearson said the higher list price for its two drugs won't affect patients and will have a "limited impact" on hospital

costs because reimbursements for procedures including these drugs from the patient's insurance provider or a federal health program won't change.

"Because these drugs are hospital-administered and generally are not purchased directly, increasing the cost of the drugs to hospitals should not reduce patient access," he said.

Valeant said heavy discounts and price caps reduce the impact of high gross prices. It also said price hikes have stimulated other companies to work on lower-priced alternatives.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Interns ripe for exploitation

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In Ontario, where Epstein Management is located, unpaid internships are legal only under certain criteria.

Epstein Management is far from the only company looking for unpaid interns despite Ontario's ongoing crackdown on the practice. More than a dozen ads on Kijiji seek volunteer labour.

The youth unemployment rate sits at 13.1 per cent — almost double the national average — as about 170,000

fewer young people are in the workforce than before the recession. Critics suggest that makes young Canadians vulnerable to exploitation from those seeking free labour.

Labour lawyer Andrew Langille said there's nothing wrong with internships that provide education and skills to young people without pay, but that the current lack of protections leaves the system ripe for exploitation.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Home sales slow down

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday the number of home sales in September were down 2.1 per cent compared with August but prices continued to show strength. Sales in Vancouver were down 3.8 per cent, Toronto 3.5 per cent and Calgary 7.5 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Innu lawsuit to go ahead

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to end a class-action lawsuit filed by two Innu communities seeking \$900 million from the Iron Ore Co. of Canada and the Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway Co. for allegedly violating their rights for nearly 60 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## CAM TUCKER DEFENDS BAUTISTA'S BAT FLIP



**The home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. It was the biggest moment in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter. The celebration that followed was of sheer passion.**

It was the bat flip to end all bat flips. Epic. Defiant. Oh, and of course it was controversial.

Jose Bautista, after launching the most important home run for the Toronto Blue Jays in more than 20 years and the most important of his career, stood at home plate and in a swift, strong motion, tossed the bat he used to drive his team to the American League Championship Series into the air before the customary trot around the bases at Rogers Centre.

It is now an iconic moment. Social media made sure of that.

It's been 22 years since Joe Carter won the World Series for the Blue Jays on a home run to left field at was then the Sky Dome, the shots of him leaping into the air with that uninhibited smile as he rounded his way into history still ingrained in the minds of Canadians. Pure joy. No bat flip, though.

Naturally, what Bautista did Wednesday was going to draw critics.

Heck, the benches cleared when the triumphant hero reached home plate. It's garnered discussion throughout North America, on social media and sports talk radio, and has been written about on ESPN and Deadspin.

Among the notables to oppose Bautista's action is Texas pitcher Sam Dyson, who threw right into Bautista's wheelhouse and promptly watched the ball sail into the delirious frenzy of blue and white beyond the left-field fence.

**If we demand our professional athletes remain stoic and subdued in their greatest moments, the fun and emotion is removed from the experience.**



**FLIPPING CONTROVERSIAL** Jose Bautista's extravagant bat toss was fitting because he led the Jays to an epic comeback Wednesday, writes Cam Tucker. DARREN CALABRESE / THE CANADIAN PRESS

yond the left-field fence.

Of Bautista's bat flip, Dyson told reporters in Toronto: "Just kind of respect the game a little more."

And, "He's doing stuff that kids do in Wiffle ball games and backyard baseball."

Look, perhaps it would be justifiable to take issue with Bautista's bat flip if he busted that out in the middle of May against a team like the Oakland Athletics in the seventh inning of a blowout game. Forget disrespectful. Then, it would just look silly.

But this was Game 5 of the American League Division Series, winner take all. The Blue Jays trailed the series 2-0, looking dead and done, only to come roaring back to life, resurrecting fans who may have thought it was all over when the team departed for Texas for Games 3 and 4.

The three-run Bautista dinger broke open a 3-3 deadlock in the deciding game, providing

the climax to the emotional — understatement — and now famous seventh inning.

It involved one of the strangest plays, when Toronto's Canadian catcher Russell Martin went to throw the ball back to the pitcher, hitting the bat of Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo — a live ball — leading to the go-ahead run for Texas. A lengthy umpires' review solidified the run, angering the Toronto crowd.

With the lead and nine outs away from advancing, the Rangers then committed three errors in the bottom half of the inning, leading to the Toronto comeback and Bautista's dinger. The benches cleared — twice. This wasn't ordinary. This was playoff baseball, if you'll pardon the expression, on steroids.

And the Bautista home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. He's hit plenty of those in his career with the Blue Jays.

It was the biggest moment

in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter.

The celebration that followed was of sheer passion.

Sure, there are boundaries to celebrations. But how is Bautista tossing the bat any different from the New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski spiking the football like he's trying to bury it?

If we demand our professional athletes remain stoic and subdued in their greatest moments, the fun and emotion, which is what October baseball is all about, is removed from the experience.

Robots don't play the game. Humans do. And humans tend to celebrate great accomplishments.

And that's why people shouldn't flip out over Bautista's bat flip.

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## metroview

### Government approach to science reads — sadly — like satire



**John Dupuis**  
For Metro

It's been a great month for Canadian science. Queen's University physicist Arthur McDonald won the Nobel Prize for, as the citation reads, "the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass." Curiosity-driven science done at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory; pure science done in Canada by a Canadian.

Of course, pro forma congratulations were issued by the prime minister's office.

But sometimes satire can reflect reality better than anything true. Consider the recent Beaverton headline, "Harper left wondering who let Nobel Prize winner Arthur McDonald talk to the media." It's not literally true. McDonald did his fair share of interviews talking about his work and stressing the importance of the government balancing basic and applied research. He didn't explicitly mention our government, but we all knew what he meant.

The Nobel Committee has a history of making subtle political points with their choices. It's not hard to imagine they saw this election as an opportunity to make a point about basic science while acknowledging a deserving Canadian.

Back in 2013 Canada's National Research Council abandoned its balance of pure and applied research for a nearly exclusive focus on industry-driven work. As the new director at the time said,

"Scientific discovery is not valuable unless it has commercial value." That's not how you discover neutrinos, or the principles of integrated circuits that underlie our entire technological society.

Another headline too good to be true, this from the Syrup Trap: "Government of Canada pledges \$30 million to ignoring science." Again, we hear a deeper truth. From muzzling scientists, to dismantling the research libraries at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to cancelling the long form census, to firing thousands of scientists and shuttering dozens of research programs, this government has been dead-set against the principles of open inquiry in science and society.

And then there's "Tory candidate Sabrina Zuniga says ground will absorb oil spills." Oh, sorry, that's not satire. A Conservative candidate actually said that. It's hard to believe someone could be both so ignorant and contemptuous of public well-being.

Is this the kind of country you want? Before you make your choice at the ballot box, research your preferred candidate's views on science and open inquiry. And after the election, contact your new (or re-elected) MP to say you support evidence-based decision-making in public policy.

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## The great films that got away

GUILLERMO DEL TORO

### Crimson Peak director has turned down big projects

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Few modern directors raise the hair on the back of your neck like Guillermo del Toro. From the eerie Pale Man character in Pan's Labyrinth to the deadly mechanical scarab of Cronos, he has trained viewers to expect the unexpected.

His latest, *Crimson Peak*, is a spooky thriller starring Jessica Chastain, Mia Wasikowska and Tom Hiddleston that del Toro describes as an "almost classical gothic romance ghost story," before adding, "it has two or three scenes that are really, really disturbing in a very, very modern way." Also expect a fest for the eyes. "I'm not giving you eye candy," he says. "It's eye protein."

Films like *Pacific Rim*, *The Devil's Backbone* and *Hellboy* have made del Toro a fan favourite but for every film he makes there is Internet buzz about the movies he didn't make.

"I'm famous for the ones I turned down," he told me a few years ago in a candid conversation on my radio show.

Indeed a quick Google search reveals a list of hit films he said no to.

The script for *Se7en* came his way but was judged to be too



Mia Wasikowska stars as Edith Cushing in Guillermo del Toro's *Crimson Peak*, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

cynical for del Toro's tastes. Horror hits *Blade: Trinity* and *AVP: Alien vs. Predator* went to directors David S. Goyer and Paul W.S. Anderson respectively when Guillermo declined because he was too busy getting his version of *Hellboy* to the screen.

I asked him about that period. "To get *Hellboy* made you turned down..." "A lot," he said, finishing my sentence.

More recently he walked away from *The Hobbit*, a decision he called "extremely painful," and took a rain check on *Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens* because "basically I have so much

stuff already of my own, and I'm pursuing stuff that I'm generating already."

One project has kept the del Toro fan base purring for years, a proposed version of *Frankenstein*.

"This is the one that I pursue and drop. It's daunting. This is the most important story in the history of narrative. The most important book in my life is *Frankenstein* and the most important movie is James Whale's *Frankenstein*."

"It's like that girl you have been dating for 35 years and you can't say, 'Would you marry me?'"

"I read the book and realized nobody has done the book. It is amazing to me that nobody has done the emotions that are in the book. The way I want to treat the one I do is not to be slavish to the book but create the same effect the book has which is the incredible journey of the creature."

I ask if he has any second thoughts about the films he turned down.

"Every movie I have left behind or not done I don't regret at all but there's one that I can't help but wonder (about), *Prisoner of Azkaban*. I really loved

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Beeba Boys** ★★★  
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the books. I don't love all the movies but at that stage I saw the first two movies and they were a little too happy for me. I thought, 'Do I really want to go on and try to change the entire universe like that?'"

The job of directing the third

Harry Potter movie eventually went to one of del Toro's friends, Alfonso Cuarón. "When I saw that movie I told Alfonso, 'I love you and I hate you. You made a great movie.' That's the only one that went away that I will always wonder about."

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**TV SABOTAGE****Street artists word bomb walls of Homeland set**

Graffiti artists hired to work on the set of *Homeland* duped the popular series, painting Arabic slogans criticizing the show on walls seen in the background.

In the episode aired in the U.S. Sunday, star Claire Danes can be seen walking by slogans including "Homeland is racist."

Berlin graffiti artist Stone told *The Associated Press* that he and two friends initially weren't going to take the job, but then decided instead to use it to express their opinions of *Homeland*.

The caper was pulled off so well that even *Homeland* producer Alex Gansa gave the artists his grudging respect. "We wish we'd caught these images before they made it to air," he said. "However, as *Homeland* always strives to be subversive in its own right and a stimulus for conversation, we can't help but admire this act of artistic sabotage." *THE ASSOCIATED PRESS*

**THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN**

We've been hit by election fever. I'm not talking about the 850,000 Canadians who cast their votes on the first day of advance polls — a 90 per cent increase from 2008's federal election. I'm referring to my couch, where for the last couple of weeks my partner Simon and I watched election-themed movies.

Three of these films, *Wag the Dog*, *Primary Colors* and *Bulworth*, hit theatres in 1998, while the fourth, *The Candidate*, came out in '72. They all reflect their time's dissatisfaction with political culture and how the cam-

## If you believe the movies, a political campaign is as bad for a person's diet as it is for their moral character

paigning process erodes their values — the '98 trio with dark, sardonic comedy and *The Candidate* with hardly any humour at all.

There is only one singular common denominator, however, that serves this column: the food. It seems that candidates, at least fictional American ones, eat like crap. The travel and grind of campaigning means buckets of chicken, cold pizza, plates of barbecued ribs and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

I've never seen Simon more devoted to this column than when he argued that we should eat KFC, for "research." I ate it often growing up, not so much the chicken as plates of their French fries covered in gravy and mixed up with their neon green coleslaw; a combination that I think would be my death row meal. Since I feared it wouldn't live up to my grease-tinted nostalgia — and having just survived a gluttonous Thanksgiving weekend — I refused.



But I caved on his request for the Krispy Kremes. We drove to an outpost on Monday night and picked up half a dozen of the classic glazed variety. While he ate five and I ate one, I wondered if, when the cameras weren't rolling, Harper, Trudeau, Mulcair and May have made doughnut pitstops during their federal election campaigning.

I hope they didn't, because it seems as though — if you believe the movies — that a

campaign is as bad for a person's diet as it is for their moral character. Not once did we stumble across a film where an election bolsters a person's character, provides nourishment for the values of the great democracies they seek to serve, or paints anyone as being immune to the corrupting pull of power. "This is the price you pay to lead," John Travolta as Jack Stanton as Bill Clinton, says in *Primary Colors* — the best election

film we watched. "You don't think Lincoln was a whore before he was president? He had to tell his stories and smile his back-country grin. He did that so one day he'd have the opportunity to stand before the nation and appeal to our better nature. That's where the bullshit stops."

On Oct. 19, voters head to the polls and, in true Canadian fashion, we decided to watch American movies about American elections and American politicians — although our federal election has had its fair share of Hollywood-like scandalous moments: The Conservative MP who pulled out of the race after a video surfaced of him peeing into a mug; the Liberal MP who pulled out after old, offensive tweets were dug up; and Alex Johnstone, the NDP candidate — and a school trustee no less — who confessed she'd only just learned what Auschwitz was.

But nothing as salacious as Donald Trump or Ben Carson, whose comments about the Nazis make Johnstone's seem positively enlightened.

God bless Canada.

**Jessica Allen** is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

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**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **90%** **Audience:** **98%**

**HORROR****Crimson Peak**

**Director:** Guillermo del Toro  
**Starring:** Charlie Hunnam, Jessica Chastain

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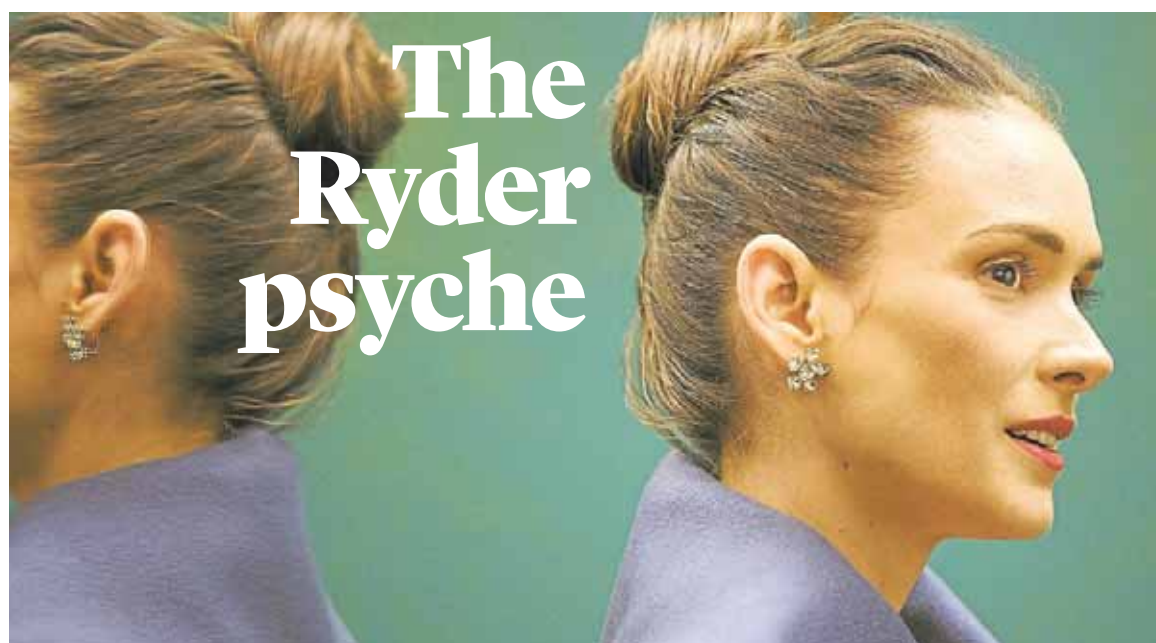
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Winona Ryder has had her brushes with infamy and trouble, but that doesn't keep her from opening up. When we speak, she's gabby and funny, in part because she's really into her new film *Experimenter*, a semi-experimental biopic about Stanley Milgram (played by Peter Sarsgaard), the psychologist who did famous/infamous tests on people's willingness to follow orders, no matter how inhumane they may be.

Ryder plays Milgram's devoted wife Sasha, though she's not just a typical movie spouse. It's a chance to work with Sarsgaard and director Michael Almereyda (of the playful *Ethan Hawke Hamlet*), both longtime friends. And it's also nice to, as she puts it, "really mean the stuff you say in these (interviews)."

**I know you had a fairly atypical childhood, growing up on a commune in California...**

When I say I lived in a com-



mune for four years, people think I was in a cult. (Laughs) And it was not a cult at all.

It was seven families in the Redwoods in Mendocino. But my parents were definitely on the intellectual side of the hippie movement. They were more sort of observers. They were activists and stuff, but it's interesting because in some sort of unconscious rebellion I

stayed away from a lot of those things.

**Your form of rebellion would be doing the things most people do as rebellion.**

I never do yoga. We did it when we were kids. I don't do it now. I probably should. I don't do drugs. Drugs were not encouraged, but my parents did have the thing of,

"Don't get them on the street. If you're really curious please come to us." I think that's a good attitude to have. But I didn't want to. (Laughs).

**That's odd, since Timothy Leary was your godfather.**

This is his watch. (Shows watch with no numbers on it) But he was more of a godfather to me. He was very

protective. He never let anyone do anything around me. He would take me to baseball games, help me do my homework. He was the opposite of what you'd think Timothy Leary was around me. But there were a lot of people around then. It's a shame because at the time I didn't know who any of them were. They were just grown-ups. I



**Drugs were not encouraged, but my parents did have the thing of, 'Don't get them on the street.'**

Winona Ryder, on growing up with hippie parents

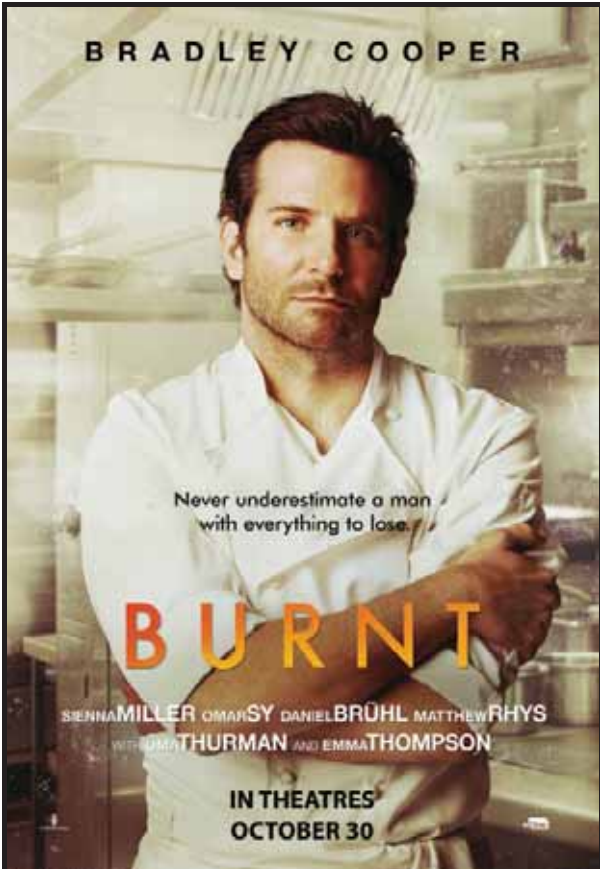
later found out one of them was John Lennon. (Laughs) I'm like, "What? Why didn't you tell me?" I wish I'd known.

**You could have pestered him for Beatles stories.**

Or, you know, not terrorized his son.

**Growing up, I imagine you were exposed to the stories of and ideas around Stanley Milgram, as well as Philip Zimbardo and Hannah Arendt.**

I remember the first time I found out about him. It was from the Peter Gabriel song *We Do What We're Told*, from the *Us* album. I was driving with my dad and I was like, "What does this mean?" And he told me. And I'm a big reader. I've read about *The Banality of Evil* and about Eichmann, because I lost family in the Holocaust.



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## BIOPIC

## Sarsgaard's experimental role

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Peter Sarsgaard has played all over the place, from shy (*Shattered Glass*) to manic (*Green Lantern*) to killers (the third season of *The Killing*). But he says he's closer — in a sense — to Stanley Milgram, the noted and controversial social psychologist he plays in the biopic *Experimenter*.

Milgram's most famous work found himself exploring obedience to authority by having average test subjects administer what they believed were shocks to strangers. In fact, it was all fake. Sarsgaard would never do anything like that, but he did relate to the way Milgram was detached and cerebral, which also describes the film.

**The film uses unusual techniques. For one, there's old-timers rear-screen projection when people are driving. What were those like for you acting?** I've acted on stage. (Laughs) When you're on stage you're used to a different kind of reality. It's like actors who've acted on green screen. They get used to that. Obviously the most easy to understand form of acting is two people in a room. You don't see the camera and you're having a



Peter Sarsgaard stars in *Experimenter*. GETTY IMAGES

conversation the way you'd have in life. A Cassavetes film is like that, although there's a kind of poetry in that. It's not the reality you and I are sitting in.

**It's a heightened reality.**

Yeah. Actors typically like doing that kind of thing. This I really enjoyed doing. I'm a cerebral person, but I always knew the film needed something else beyond the ideas that surrounded it. I was really interested in a guy who could be — by everything I read — so dispassionate about what he was observing.

This is a guy whose background was a Jew who grew up in New York in the '40s. Certainly some of the experi-

ments of obedience to authority were influenced by what happened in Nazi Germany, for sure. But he never made that absolutely clear. He never said that was the point of his tests. There was never a political agenda. There was the dispassion of a trained scientist. I thought that was interesting to play as an actor.

**How deep a dive did you do on the real Milgram?**

When I'm playing someone who was a real person it's not like I'm cracking them. I think about what's most interesting in terms of the movie or the scene. But with Stanley, I did a lot more research, even more than I've done with other roles, even other real people.



# Director pulls trigger on gangs

BEEBA BOYS

**Deepa Mehta explores Vancouver's Sikh gangsters**

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada

"The whole point of doing work is to surprise yourself and others," says Deepa Mehta. The director of art house hits like *Water*, *Bollywood/Hollywood* and *Midnight's Children* will certainly raise a few eyebrows with her new film *Beeba Boys*.

The movie is a violent look at a Vancouver gang of second and third generation Indo-Canadian criminals known as the Beeba Boys. It features the first car chase in any of her films and certainly contains more gunplay and violence than any other of her personal, introspective movies.

"I've always been a sucker for gangster films," she says. "Tarantino, eat your heart out."

The Toronto-based Mehta first became aware of Vancouver's Sikh gangs from a CBC documentary. It's a violent culture she says the rest of the country is largely unaware of — "after you cross the Rockies it's like everybody has amnesia about what happens in our own country" — but one



A documentary on Vancouver's Sikh gangs inspired Deepa Mehta's film *Beeba Boys*. HANDOUT

that gripped her.

"As a director it is really exciting for me to explore a world I don't know much about. It is a learning process. Exploring this world of Beeba Boys, of gangsters, the search for identity, the desire to be seen, the looking for acceptance is a world that is very familiar to me but the way it is told is completely unfamiliar. That was exciting."

"They're not like the Mafia. They're not at all like the Triads. They're not at all like the Yakuza and they're not like the Hell's Angels. They are very culturally based and I found that fascinating."

Whether it is a period piece or a modern day film, Mehta's work turns the camera on her community and the underpinnings of that culture.

Critics have expressed surprise at *Beeba Boys* because when you put a gun in somebody's hand in a Deepa Mehta movie that's what draws all the attention.

"I'm just happy they are talking about the film," she says.

"The ones who want to focus on the guns will focus on the guns and that's fine. Each to their own. The ones who know my work and wish to see something that is not just on the surface will see that it is a continuation of my work."

"Thematically it is a continuation of everything I've done because it is a film about identity but the story is different and the story calls for gangsters and of course they are not going to be carrying lollipops in their hands. Let's get real."

INTERVIEW

## When one Patel seeks another

When he was about to turn 30 years old, Ravi Patel kind of freaked out.

Not only did the Hollywood-based Indian-American actor break-up with his longtime girlfriend (which his traditional parents never knew about), but after joining the clan on a trip back to India, he accepted the challenge to find an Indian wife — and as custom states, she must also be a Patel. Captured by his co-directing sister Geeta in *Meet the Patels*, we caught up with the siblings to talk about Ravi's romantic global journey.

**When did you start filming?**

Ravi: We had a trip to India and Geeta had just finished her previous documentary (*Project Kashmir*) and she wanted to learn how to use a camera (and thought) I'll film

the family trip.

Geeta: I'm just focusing and learning how to turn the camera on and he's going 'don't you think it's weird that mom and dad don't even know about Audrey (and now) they have this date they're trying to set me up on — don't you realize how weird our culture is?'

Ravi: Somewhere we started to see something in there.

**I love your father's line 'after 35 years, your mother still doesn't know me and you want to know someone in two years?'**



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# Idris Elba trades in sexy for scary

## NEW FILM

### Actor takes on violent, gritty role in *Beasts of No Nation*

With legions of fans calling for him to be the next James Bond, Idris Elba welcomed a chance to go against type and play a ruthless warlord in *Beasts of No Nation*.

"It's a compliment but I always get told, 'Oh, you're handsome. Yeah, sexy Idris,' and I was like, 'This guy's not sexy. I want to play him,'" said the strapping star at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"There's definitely, if you like, a cosmetic approach to this character that I hadn't done before, I think," continued the London native, whose other characters have included a drug lord in HBO's *The Wire*, a detective in the British series *Luther* and the title role in *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*.

"(If audiences), let's say my lady fans, will watch this film like, 'Oh my God' — job done, as far as I'm concerned. That's what I tried to do."

In *Beasts of No Nation*, available to stream on Netflix starting Friday, Elba plays the savage yet charismatic Commandant. He's the chain-smoking head of a group of mercenary fighters during a civil war in an unnamed West African country.

Abraham Attah stars as the young protagonist, who flees his besieged refugee village only to be captured by Commandant's crew.

Emmy Award winner Cary Fukunaga (*True Detective*, season 1) wrote and directed the film, based on the novel by Nigerian author Uzodinma Iweala.



Idris Elba plays the savage yet charismatic Commandant in *Beasts of No Nation*, available on Netflix today. CONTRIBUTED

It took him 10 years to get the film made. He shot it in Ghana as soon as he wrapped on *True Detective*.

Fukunaga unflinchingly delves into the horrors of civil war in some scenes, depicting brutal violence inflicted by child soldiers.

While such scenes might be tough to digest, he says they're nothing compared to the real thing.

"What I know of war, the little I've experienced in the conflict zones I've been to and the research I've done, death is so much more gruesome than anything you've ever seen in a movie or even

in documentaries," said the director of 2011's *Jane Eyre* and 2009's *Sin Nombre*.

"What I show in the film just barely creates the nausea that you would feel, the smell of death that you'd feel in a real place."

Fukunaga heard some filmgoers at the Venice Film Festival walked out during a screening of his film, and conceded it "maybe pushes, for some people, too far."

"But it's what I needed to show without it feeling, to me at least, false about the experience that these children have to go through, the things these children are wit-

nessing, the desensitization of these kids, even the adults who participate in these kinds of conflicts."

Elba said he studied the behaviour and tactics of some dictators but he didn't base Commandant on anyone in particular.

Rather, he envisioned him like a preacher who rallies up his troops with sermons and chants.

"The Commandant, although he's a military head, is the spiritual head as well, and that was a really interesting revelation for me," said Elba.

"It was like, 'Aha.' It was

**“It's a compliment but I always get told, 'Oh, you're handsome.' ... and I was like, 'This guy's not sexy. I want to play him.'”**

Idris Elba on taking the role in *Beasts of No Nation*

actually a way in for me as an actor, because I was like, 'I don't want to do a moustache-twiddling ... bad guy.'"

Elba said his father's Sierra Leone heritage, and his family's experience with the civil war there, was another reason he wanted to do the film.

"There was a massive personal attachment to the story

in the first place," he said. "But the second, from a producer's point of view, I really wanted a story like this, films like this, to have the light of day — for people to see that through storytelling, you can, without being bashy on the head, you can give people insight into a very complex world."

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## INTERVIEW

### R.L. Stine: 'The Kanye West of horror'

Before we begin our interview, Jack Black lets it be known he'll be doing it fully reclining on a long stretch of sofa, staring at the ceiling.

"This is awkward, but it's the way it has to be," he explains.

Black may be a bit exhausted from his work as a fictionalized version of author R.L. Stine in *Goosebumps*, an egomaniacal, reclusive author whose devilish creations come to life and run amok on a small Delaware town.

**What do you think about the idea of being a recluse? Ever been tempted?**

I am a bit of a recluse. I can relate to that part of Stine's personality.

There's part of that that just comes with the territory.

You get in your Hollywood bubble and you try not to leave because you don't want to have selfies and autographs. So yeah, I get it.

**But you've never gone full-on Howard Hughes?**

No, I don't have those kinds of demons inside of me. At least not yet. Give me time.

I'll be bottling my piss in a few decades, I'm sure. If I live

that long.

**You're playing this at a particular level of bigness. How do you decide for each role how big to get?**

I don't really think about the size of the dramatic levels.

I mean, yeah, there's giant creatures all over the place and the world is fantastical, so you can get away with a little more bombast and high drama in your performance, I suppose, but I was really just thinking about this character who is the genius writer who

has these dark secrets and dark demons that he keeps hidden from the world.

And for some reason that just said Orson Welles to me.

That seemed like the perfect person to model it after, so I watched *Citizen Kane* 30 times and then went to the set.

**Did you discover anything about *Citizen Kane* you never noticed before?**

That it's a f—ing great movie. That's no newsflash, though. Everybody says it's the best movie ever made.

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Members of Japan's idol group Babymetal, (from left to right) Moameta, Su-Metal and Yui-metal, perform pop lyrics and dance in front of a death metal band. TORU YAMANAKA/GETTY IMAGES

# Babymetal is just the tip of the idol iceberg

## IDOL BANDS

**Girls dress as condiments and perform as Hamburgirl Z**

**Alan Cross**  
For Metro Canada



"Have you ever been to Japan?" The former Canadian embassy worker and I were talking at a music industry event. "It's as close as you can get to Mars without leaving the planet." He meant no insult; he was just trying to convey how different Westerners find life in cities like Tokyo and Osaka. He paused. "And don't get me started on idol bands."

Ah, the idol. This is a peculiar Japanese construct with no analogue in this part of the world. Think of it as a media personality — often but not exclusively a musical group — who is marketed for their cuteness, youth, sweetness, innocence and/or cool-

ness. Idol groups are like manufactured boy or girl bands but created at an industrial level by talent agencies, promoters and even corporations.

It's not what anyone would call "serious" music, but the idol industry is seriously popular and an extremely profitable part of Japanese music culture.

For example, there's Morning Musume, who have been around forever and hold the record for the most consecutive Top 10 singles for a Japanese artist with 10.

AKB48 is the biggest idol group with at least 140 members (no, that's not a typo) and domestic sales far north of \$200 million.

Then there's Babymetal which features three moppets singing and dancing in front of a fierce death metal band. Once you get over the shock of the cute pop vocals vs. metal guitars juxtaposition, it's impossible to look away.

Even more extreme is Ladybaby (more J-pop than idol, but still) featuring Ladybeard, a metal-singing, cross-dressing ex-professional wrestler from Australia bookended by two adorable schoolgirls. The effect is like

a concussion grenade.

My latest discovery is The West Japan Hamburgirl Z, a 15-member girl group who sing songs and dance dances inspired solely by a love of hamburgers.

When they perform live, each member has a different burger ingredient on her head, ranging from the expected (a beef patty, which is Riinya's thing, making her the front person, I guess) to the very Japanese (eggplant, Awajishima fish). And before you ask, Hamburgirl Z does have a bacon specialist: Tsuumin, who says her favourite word is "Thank you."

As is the custom with idol bands, each member is also given a specific identity to help us tell them apart. Riinya for example, is partial to horse sashimi. Her motto is "If you believe, anyone can be Cinderella."

Trust me: Whatever NASA discovers on Mars the Japanese idol industry will have it beat.

For more from Alan, go to [AJournalOfMusicalThings.com](http://AJournalOfMusicalThings.com) or follow him on Twitter at @alancross.

## MUSIC BRIEFS

### Divorce him and split the bucks: Jay Z in court

Jay Z told a jury Wednesday that he believes he has a valid license to use Arabic music featured on his 1999 hit Big Pimpin' that is now the subject of a copyright infringement trial.

The superstar testified in a federal court, recounting his life, success and the creative process that led him and producer Timbaland to create

Big Pimpin'.

Jay Z and Timbaland are being sued by an heir of Baligh Hamdi, an Egyptian composer who created the 1957 hit Khosara Khosara that has elements featured in

the rapper's hit.

The rapper used a CD — introduced into evidence by a lawyer for Hamdi's family — to illustrate his point.

"We have the rights as you can see on the bottom of the CD," Carter told jurors, referencing liner notes that credits Khosara Khosara. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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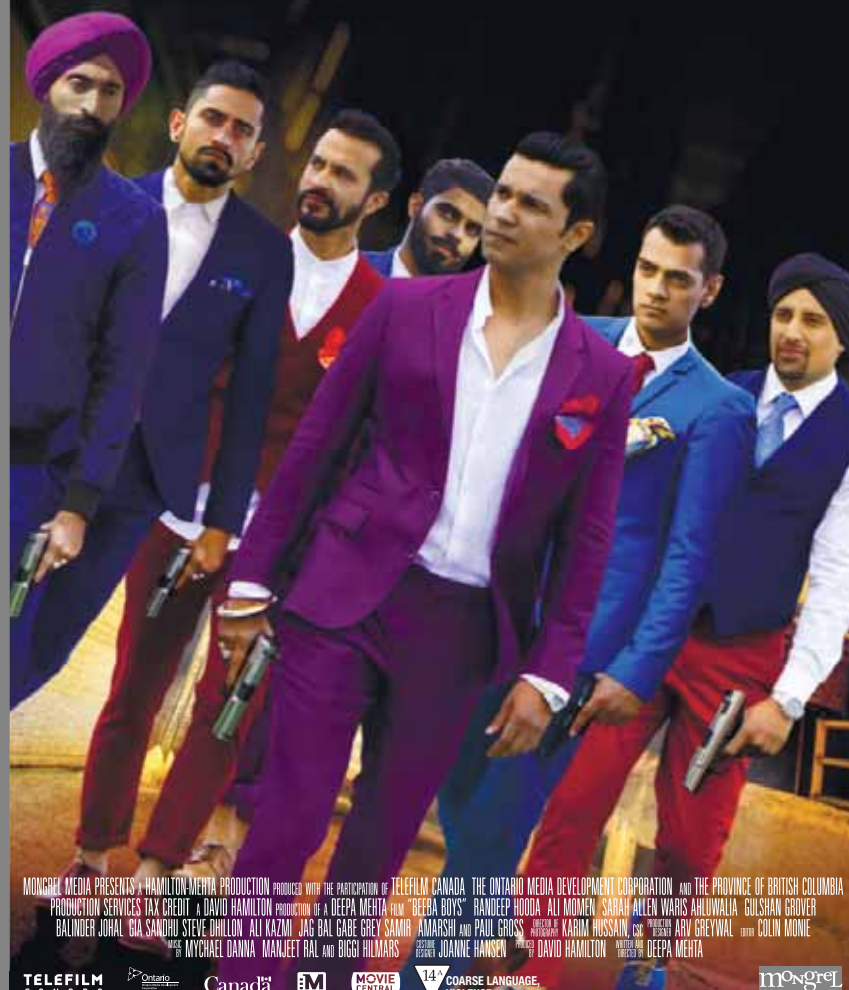
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The longest federal election campaign in Canadian history is finally nearing its close. Celebrate the winners, the losers, the haircuts — and most importantly, the end!

# Where every big cheese is a winner

**Devon Scoble**  
For Metro Canada

Politicians come and go, and no matter who wins the top prize on Monday night, they'll likely disappoint us at some point.

But a well-executed cheeseboard (and a good selection of wine and beer to wash it down) always delivers.

Just ask Shawn Rusich, founder and director of Butter Public Relations, a boutique PR firm focused on food, hospitality, and lifestyle clients.

He's spent the last 15 years working with some of the industry's top professionals, including Martha Stewart, Giada de Laurentiis and Mario Batali, and he's shared his tips for hosting a winning election results party.

Follow Rusich's suggestions for a politically inspired cheeseboard that sets a light mood and encourages cheesy humour:



## For the Conservatives

"Like any blue cheese, the Conservative Party has become something of an acquired taste in recent years," says Rusich. If you're not a fan, even a little will leave a bad taste in your mouth. The Cons don't support proportional representation, but it's essential for a democratic cheeseboard, so grab a big chunk of **Bleu Bénédictin**. "It's arguably Canada's most famous blue cheese," he says, "and it crumbles as easily as the Conservatives' approval rating!"

Pair it with: A late-harvest **Riesling** or your favourite ice wine.



## For the Liberals

"Canada's oldest political party deserves a mature cheese — preferably one with a little sex appeal, like its floppy haired leader," says Rusich. **Bothwell Red Wine Extra Old Cheddar** is a celebratory choice that reflects the Grits' recent gains in the polls.

Pair it with: A bold **Cab Sauv** from Niagara.



## For the NDP

Once-upon-a-federal-election, Rusich would have suggested a strong, unique "love-or-hate type of cheese" with an orange rind, like **Oka Classique**. But for Mulcair's NDP, he suggests "a more palatable **Oka Light**" with 30 per cent less fat.

Pair it with: An unoaked **Chardonnay**.



## For the Greens

"We can all agree that Elizabeth May has helped the Green Party appear less hippy dippy and more multi-platform than ever thought before," says Rusich. "We can also all agree that it's still a grassroots underdog." **Farm House Heidi** is a Gruyere-like cheese with rich flavour and a pleasantly grassy taste that comes from May's home province, B.C.

Pair it with: A dark and heavy stout, like **Mill Street's Oatmeal Stout**.



## For the Bloc Québécois

"**Laliberte** is a Canadian Grand Prix of Cheese winner, and a creamy companion to any cheese board," says Rusich. "In fact, it's so good it might be best to separate it from the rest of your election-themed cheeses — to protect its unique and independent identity, of course."

Pair it with: A bubbly, like **Henry of Pelham's Cuvée Catharine Rosé Brut**.



## For the undecided

Bummed that your favourite party lost? Sad about our first-past-the-post system? Disappointed in yourself for not casting a ballot at all? Canadian elections leave plenty of room for disappointment, but there is a homegrown (temporary) cure for your electoral woes, and you don't have to wait for the next campaign to try it: whisky. Rusich recommends **Tap 357 Maple Whisky** to soften the political blows.

Pair it with: Bitter tears.

## SET THE MOOD

# Election night fever

Whether incoming results have you feeling Helpless or make you want to Rant and Roar, Rusich suggests a playlist with the best of Canadiana on repeat. Opt for gentle lighting, "create a relaxing atmosphere," says Rusich, "because nothing gets people more fired up than politics!"

It's fun asking guests to ac-

cessorize with the colours of their preferred party, or to play election prediction games with Oscars-style scorecards says Rusich, but don't push for specifics. "Voting can be very a personal choice for some and they may feel uncomfortable divulging (their) decisions in a room full of people."

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**DRESS UP FOR THE NONPARTISAN** Don't want to wear your political colours on your sleeve? Two moments from the 2015 election stand out as possible party night themes.

In August, a group of Boy Scouts stole the show at a campaign event for Conservative Leader Stephen Harper in Campbell River, B.C. To get the look, pair green, tan or black shirts or slacks with either a striped or a solid red or orange neck scarf.

For those looking to stay more relaxed, there is always the meme-inspiring bathrobe guy, who was spotted in the background of a heated exchange between the head of a private men's club in Toronto and Liberal candidate Chrystia Freeland, also in August. PHOTOS: CANADIAN PRESS AND JESSICA SMITH

## ELECTION WHERE TO STAY INFORMED

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### Social media

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# Road-tripping up the beach

## OUTER BANKS

**Fall the perfect time to visit this giant sandbar in the sea**

**Wawn Himmelsbach**  
For Metro Canada

There's really no bad time to visit the Outer Banks in North Carolina, but the shoulder seasons offer summer-like temperatures (at least from a Canadian perspective) without all the summer crowds.

One of the best ways to experience this giant sandbar in the Atlantic Ocean is road-tripping "up the beach," stopping along the way to hike, bike, kayak, surf or hang-glide.

The Outer Banks is a chain of barrier islands linked by coastal highway NC12, home to some of the largest tracts of undeveloped beaches in the country. That means no hotels, resorts, restaurants, shops or hawkers lining the beach — just sand and sea.

The four islands, collectively known as OBX, are home to half a dozen national and state parks, with six towns and 12 coastal villages to explore. On the eastern side, you'll find sand dunes and the pounding surf of the Atlantic Ocean — perfect for surfing. On the west side, you'll find the Sounds, with calmer water ideal for sea kayaking and windsurfing.

### Getting there

Fly into Raleigh and rent a car



**An aerial view of the beach at Ocracoke in North Carolina. The Outer Banks is an ideal fall destination for outdoors activities such as kiteboarding and hang gliding.** VISIT N.C.

(make arrangements to drop off the car at the airport in Norfolk, Va., if you don't want to back-track). It's a two-hour drive from the airport to Little Washington, one of America's coolest small towns and worth a stop for the night; it's another two hours to the Swan Quarter ferry (book a spot in advance), which will drop you off in Ocracoke at the southern tip of the Outer Banks.

### Ocracoke

Ocracoke Island offers a 16-mile-long stretch of beach along the Atlantic Ocean — all part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's perfect for water sports; take surf lessons with Ride the Wind (which also offers paddleboard

yoga). Or head over to the Sounds for sea kayaking (Ride the Wind Kayak Trips offers guided full moon tours). In town, hike or bike out to Springer's Point through centuries-old oak trees dripping with moss, to the beach where the infamous pirate Blackbeard was beheaded in a bloody battle.

The village of Ocracoke has a laid-back, island vibe, and locals are proud of the fact there are no chains here; all the shops and restaurants are locally owned. Explore this quirky town on foot or by bike, and stay in a restored island cottage or cozy B&B (like The Cove, which offers beach chairs and bikes). You can also camp outside of town; the Oc-

## + WELCOME

After this month's historic rains, neighbouring South Carolina is mounting media campaigns to let visitors know tourist destinations are open, as are the roads leading to the coast.

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racoke Campground is located beside the dunes, across the road from the Hammock Hills Nature Trail.

### Hatteras

Drive up the beach until you reach the northern tip of the



island, where you'll catch the ferry to Hatteras Island (it's free, and takes about an hour). The further north you drive, the more developed it gets. But, like Ocracoke, there's an array of outdoor adventure companies here offering everything from windsurfing to surf fishing.

Work those glutes by climbing the striped Cape Hatteras Lighthouse — the tallest beacon in North America at 210 feet — at night, under a full moon. Or go on a trail ride through maritime forest and along the seashore with Equine Adventures.

Rest up at the Inn on Pamlico Sound, a European-style boutique hotel with coastal charm, which offers sweeping views of the Pamlico Sound. Head down to the dock and learn to kite-board, wakeboard, windsurf or stand-up paddleboard. If you're experienced, you're welcome to bring your own equipment and use on-site storage.

### Kitty Hawk and Duck

As you drive up the beach, stop along the way for a swim or explore a nature trail. Once you reach Kitty Hawk, take a hang-gliding lesson — after all, the wind and sand brought Wilbur and Orville Wright here, where they achieved the first successful airplane flight in 1903 (there's a Wright Brothers National Memorial along NC12).

Take a lesson with Kitty Hawk Kites in Jockey's Ridge State Park, where you'll hang-glide down the face of the tallest sand dunes on the East Coast. There's also kite flying, hiking and picnic facilities in this 426-acre park.

Treat yourself to a stay at the Sanderling Resort in Duck, with views of both the Atlantic Ocean and Currituck Sound — which means you can watch the sunrise and sunset over water. With touches like a tranquility pool and evening s'more bonfires, and serving up coastal cuisine in a former life-saving station, it's a great way to wrap up your road trip in style (and rest your aching muscles).

From here, it's a two-hour drive to Norfolk, where you'll leave the crashing waves behind for ... traffic, crowds and concrete.

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## NEW EXHIBITION

### Fashion museum opens with Oscar de la Renta tribute

A new museum focusing on international fashion has opened in Atlanta.

The first exhibition at SCAD FASH features more than 80 Oscar de la Renta designs and opened to the public this month on the Atlanta campus of the Savannah College of Art and Design. The pieces come from the school's permanent collection and donations from collectors and celebrities who worked with de la Renta before his death in 2014.

De la Renta was a frequent donor to SCAD's collections and the natural choice for the opening, said Laurie Ann Farrell, executive director of museums and exhibitions and curator of the showing. She hopes visitors whether casual observer or de-

voted student will learn something about design.

"Everybody selects their clothes as one way of signifying their identity," Farrell said. "Even if somebody doesn't consider themselves a fashion aficionado, I think they can come in and be inspired by what different designers have done through the years."

The pieces on display in Atlanta until Dec. 31 cover decades of work, from a 1965 black cashmere dress with a white satin collar and waist bow to a silk colour-block gown designed by creative director Peter Copping for fall 2015 and worn at the Emmy awards by actress Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Student-docents hold iPads with information about each garment as they guide visitors through the 10,000-square-foot space, winding through curved

galleries and small rooms featuring a source of inspiration for the designer. A white, mirrored room contains romantic wedding gowns and a silk-patterned dress inspired by Marie Antoinette while a nearby platform holds a gathering of black and red flamenco-inspired garments with dramatic ruffles and other flourishes.

The museum gallery opens up to a film salon holding cushioned ottomans and sofas facing a 90-inch screen surrounded by backlit bookshelves. SCAD also plans to hold showings and lectures either connected or not to the clothing exhibits.

"Designers are artists," Farrell said. "As a visual experience alone, I think people can walk away with a deeper understanding of how a house evolves over time but maintains that classic elegance."

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# 80

The exhibition shows more than 80 designs by de la Renta, including gowns worn by Taylor Swift, Laura Bush and Oprah.



Sarah Jessica Parker wore this Oscar de la Renta black-and-white gown with a criss-cross design on the back to the 2014 Met Gala. SCAD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## ON THE MOVE

### Semi-private dining, diverse cultural dishes to be found

**Loren Christie**  
For Metro Canada

Travellers in search of great culinary destinations have to look no further than where they lay their head. Hotels across the country are ready to give you not only a great sleep but to tantalize your taste buds.

#### Intimate dining

Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle is home to celebrity chef Corbin Tomaszeski. The host of popular Food Network shows *Dinner Party Wars*, *Restaurant Makeover* and *Restaurant Takeover*, Chef Corbin has made this waterfront hotel the place to stay for foodies.

Not only has he added his unique flair to the restaurants' wellness-inspired menus, but the chef has also carved out a section of the busy kitchen for Savoury, a secluded, one-of-a-kind 10-person restaurant. The semi-private location offers small groups of diners a five-course meal in an intimate and VIP setting. Dinner can be booked with one of the hotel's chefs or booked with Chef Corbin himself to discuss the preparation methods, cooking techniques, as well as the origins of the dishes. Wine



**Savoury at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto is a 10-person restaurant adjacent to the busy kitchen.** CONTRIBUTED

pairings are also available.

#### Hip hangout

Located in the heart of downtown Calgary, Hotel Arts is a full-service 185-room designer boutique-style hotel that opened its doors 10 years ago.

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However, the real gems of the hotel are the trend-setting restaurants, which have seen local superstars like chefs Duncan Ly and Karine Moulin pass through their pantries. Together with current executive chef Jan Hansen, they have elevated this hotel to a foodie paradise.

My breakfast at the Yellow Door Bistro included Yellow Door Hash made with duck confit, soft poached eggs, roasted peppers, potatoes and Dijon sabayon. A rotation of incredible

daily dishes ensures no buffet fatigue; the strawberry mint pancakes were to die for.

#### Locally influenced

Montreal's Hotel Le Crystal is a five-star all-suite hotel on Rue de la Montagne, two blocks from the Bell Centre and a pleasant walk to shopping on Rue Ste. Catherine.

A quick look at the menu of the hotel's La Coupole restaurant and you notice something different: from sturgeon and deer pancetta to arctic char and red elk. Using only products from local farmers and artisans the dishes reflect the old-fashioned cooking of the families who built Quebec, First Nations' traditional dishes and a dash of the immigrant cultures that shaped the province's culinary heritage. I had the crème brûlée with maple duck foie gras and the pork cheek confit. De-li-c-i-o-u-s.

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### Planning trend

How last-minute are you? Quite a lot, according to a recent travel trend report that stated more than a third of travellers these days book not just short hops but full holidays up to only three days in advance. This trend has been linked to how easy it is to book flights and hotels on your phone and tablet. Sorry, planners. You're just not spontaneous enough.

### Bucket list: Bethlehem

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# Rookie's first goal leads Penguins past Senators

NHL

## Malkin ends drought by scoring after seven months

Daniel Sprong watched the puck sail past Ottawa goaltender Craig Anderson and into the net. And for a brief second, the 18-year-old who made the Pittsburgh Penguins out of training camp with his energetic play decided to finally act his age.

The rookie forward raised his arms in triumph, saw the nearest pane of glass and did a vertical belly flop in celebration.

"I didn't know what I was going to do," Sprong said. "I saw the glass close by and decided to jump on it."

Sprong's first NHL goal provided the emotional high point of a 2-0 win over the Senators on Thursday. Evgeni Malkin picked up his first goal in seven months and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 22 shots for his 39th career shutout, as the Penguins put a decisive halt to the franchise's worst start in a decade.

"I don't think we had a full consistent game and tonight it felt really good from the start until the end," Fleury said.

Anderson made 34 saves, but the Senators failed to muster significant momentum a night after dropping seven goals on Columbus. Ottawa went 0 for 3 on the power play and rarely tested Fleury over the final two periods, as the Senators lost on the road for the first time in four tries.

"I thought we were a little flat," Ottawa defenceman Marc Methot said.

"There's only so much you can do when you don't have



Pittsburgh's Patric Hornqvist, left, looks for a rebound on a shot by David Perron, bottom right. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the legs beneath you."

The Penguins came in scuffling after the franchise's worst start in a decade, managing all of three goals during a 0-3 stretch that left their stars frustrated and head coach Mike Johnston imploring them - again - to shoot the puck more often.

For a night anyway, the message appeared to get through.

Fresh after being given a day off and facing a team that must have gotten weary celebrating so often during a 7-3 dismantling of the Blue Jackets the night before, Pittsburgh wasted little time, playing with the kind of tempo it lacked for much of the first week of the season.

The Penguins sent 16 pucks at Anderson during the open-

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ing 20 minutes. None found the back of the net but the string of consistently aggressive shifts built momentum that finally crested with the team's first lead of the year. Malkin took a lead pass from Patric Hornqvist and beat Anderson with a wrist shot from just inside the right circle 23 seconds into the second period for his first goal since March 6.

"I not score goal in long time, obviously last season, too, I not score playoffs," Malkin said. "It's a little bit pres-

sure on myself, too. It's easy when you score and you have more confidence out there."

The Penguins' lead doubled just over two minutes later when Sprong showcased why his tryout period with the team might turn into something more permanent. The second-round pick made the club out of training and Pittsburgh has nine games to get a look at what Sprong can do before deciding whether to send him back to the junior ranks or keep him up.

The kid made a pretty compelling case when moved up to the third line. Sprong needed only a flick of the wrist to become the second Dutch-born player to score in an NHL game. Matt Cullen skated down the left side and centred

it to Sprong, who zipped it past a sprawled Anderson.

"I felt he deserved to bump up a little bit tonight," Johnston said. "He responded with a good working game. ... I like what I see in him, how competitive he is."

Fleury and a defence that kept traffic in front of him light made the advantage stand up. Ottawa's best chances came on long range blasts from the point that consistently sailed wide of the net as the Senators' early road dominance came to an abrupt halt.

"We didn't make the adjustment and realize, OK we're not on our game tonight," Ottawa coach Dave Cameron said. "We continued to try to put the square peg in the round hole."

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OHL

## Tough guy goes for goals as coach

Rocky Thompson has a flair for the offensive, even if he didn't show it during his playing days.

Thompson had just 17 goals in 591 games as a professional hockey player. By comparison, the number that stands out most from his pro career is his whopping 2,036 penalty minutes.

So it was a surprise that Thompson's presentation at last June's annual coach's symposium at the NHL Entry Draft in Florida on offensive hockey — not offensive as in unpleasant, but offensive as in zone plays and scoring goals — was so good that it landed him a head coaching job in the Ontario Hockey League.

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Warren Rychel

"It was unbelievable," said Windsor Spitfires general manager Warren Rychel. "I knew who he was because he used to be a scrapper, but I didn't know him personally. I'm sitting there thinking, 'Offensive zone play with Rocky Thompson?' Ten minutes into the thing you have NHL coaches — Jack Adams Trophy winners — taking notes."

"Rocky's presentation was the best one; he knocked it dead."

The Spitfires immediately pursued the 38-year-old Thompson to be their new head coach. Thompson still had a year left on his contract as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers, but left to join the Spitfires.

Thompson, whose professional career included 25 NHL games with Calgary and Florida, said speaking in front of NHL coaches was nerve-racking.

"What are you going to say to Joel Quenneville or Barry Trotz or Mike Babcock that they don't already know?" Thompson said.

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## HOCKEY

## Coaches seem to like new challenge option

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**Ideally, if it can help us, let's do it.**

Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock

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"If we think there's even a 50 per cent chance, we're going to take the risk," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said.

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## STORYLINES AT THE ALCS

The Toronto Blue Jays will play the Kansas City Royals in the American League Championship Series starting Friday. Here are five intriguing stories heading into the best-of-seven series:

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George Bell vs. Royals in 1985. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/CLIFF SCHIAPPA

### 1 We've seen this one before

The 2015 ALCS will be a rematch of the 1985 version, which saw Kansas City beat the Blue Jays in seven games. Toronto led the series 3-1 before the Royals clawed back to win the next three games and advance to the World Series, which the Royals ultimately won over St. Louis. Kansas City hasn't been able to win MLB's championship trophy since, and has been back to the final only once — last season.

### 3 Bad blood

Tensions ran high in a game at Rogers Centre in August. Royals pitcher Edinson Volquez hit Josh Donaldson with a pitch in the first inning, prompting home plate umpire Jim Wolf to issue warnings to both clubs. Volquez threw a change-up high and in on Donaldson in his next at-bat, then plunked Toronto shortstop Troy Tulowitzki but remained in the game. In the eighth, Toronto reliever Aaron Sanchez was ejected for hitting Kansas City's Alcides Escobar with a pitch. Benches cleared.

### 4 Is the Price right?

Toronto manager John Gibbons shocked Blue Jays fans when he used Price — his team's prized trade-deadline acquisition — out of the bullpen to relieve R.A. Dickey with a six-run lead in Game 4 of the ALDS. The left-handed ace threw 50 pitches in that game, making him unavailable for the fifth game. Price, the 2012 AL Cy Young winner and one of the front-runners for this year's best pitcher award, hasn't necessarily been able to translate that success into the post-season.

### 5 Familiar faces

It didn't take Gibbons long to find a new job after he was fired from his first stint as Toronto manager during the 2008 season. He took a job as Kansas City's bench coach that off-season, working with the team until 2011. Gibbons has experience with the Royals core group, including position players Alex Gordon, Eric Hosmer, Jarrod Dyson, Alcides Escobar, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez, and pitchers Greg Holland, Luke Hochevar and Danny Duffy.

### 2 No one wants it more

Before this post-season began, the position player with the most games played without a playoff appearance was Royals outfielder (and former Blue Jay) Alex Rios with 1,691. Toronto's Jose Bautista was second (1,403) while Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion was third (1,353). All three players, aged 34, 32, and 32 respectively, have waited more than a decade for their chance at post-season ball and none have disappointed so far. Rios is batting .286 with a couple RBIs through five ALDS games.



Jose Bautista  
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## ALCS STARTERS

### Volquez faces Estrada in Game 1 of ALCS

The Kansas City Royals are sending Blue Jays antagonist Edinson Volquez to the mound for Game 1 of their AL Championship Series, while Toronto is countering with ALDS Game 3 winner Marco Estrada.

The opening game is Friday night at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City.

It was Volquez whose inside pitching drew the ire of the Blue Jays in early August, eventually leading to a pair of bench-clearing incidents during their game at Rogers Centre.

After the game, he called Blue Jays star Josh Donaldson "a little baby" for complaining about his pitching.

The Royals will start Yordano Ventura in Game 2 on Saturday, while Johnny Cueto will pitch the third game in Toronto.

The Blue Jays will put David Price on the mound in Game 2, followed by Marcus Stroman and knuckleballer R.A. Dickey.

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## BLUE JAYS

## Blue Jays' win throws curveball at election due to date of Game 3

The federal election is dealing with a late curveball hurled by the red-hot Toronto Blue Jays.

Blue Jays fans in the vote-rich 905 and 416 regions of the Greater Toronto Area — studded with ridings that could help determine who becomes Canada's next prime minister — are certain to tune into the Jays game on Monday night while possibly tuning out the election.

The first pitch in the third game of the Jays' American League showdown against the Kansas City Royals is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET on Monday, 90 minutes before the polls close to end an election campaign that's been almost as enthralling to Canada's political junkies as the Jays post-season run has been to their sports fans.

The team's post-season games



Will it be the Rogers Centre or the polling stations on October 19? TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

have earned huge ratings of around 2.8 million for the Rogers-owned Sportsnet.

Scott Moore, president of Sportsnet and NHL Properties for Rogers, tweeted that more than nine million Canadians watched Wednesday night's nail-biter that ended with a 6-3 Jays win and

elimination for the Rangers.

"Seriously. Elections Canada should consider setting up polling stations in sports bars on Monday night," Conway Fraser, a self-described communications strategist, tweeted shortly after the announcement the timing of the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# You can't sweep this issue away

## CURLING

### Some players feel directional fabric brooms change sport

An unprecedented leap in sweeping technology threatens to dramatically change the sport of curling.

While they wait for their sport's governing bodies to catch up and impose new rules, some of the world's top curling teams say they won't use broomheads that can actually slow down, and change the direction of, a rock in motion.

It's an awkward position to take for the teams who are sponsored by the very equipment manufacturers who produce the controversial brushes.

But Olympic gold medallists Brad Jacobs and Brad Gushue and former world champion Glenn Howard are among 22 domestic and international teams who signed a statement stating they will not sweep with brooms that have "directional fabric."

"Where do you draw the line?" Jacobs asked. "We've decided, as a group of players, to draw the line right now. It's about the integrity of the game and the hard work of teams."

When a new gadget fundamentally alters a sport, the powers that be often step in and declare it illegal in competition. Curling's top teams aren't waiting for the World Curling Federation or Curling Canada and are policing themselves. They hope other teams follow suit.

The curler throwing the rock aims for the skip's broom with the knowledge the stone will curl as it approaches the house.

Powerful sweepers can "hold" the stone and delay its curl or "drag" it extra distance into the house, but throwing accuracy and the skip's line calling are still paramount in the game.

New brushes hitting the market recently changed all that.

"It's a type of fabric that allows you to virtually steer the rock," Howard said. "I use the phrase 'joystick'. I can now joystick right, left, forward, back."

"Up until 18 months ago, it was 80 per cent shooter, 20



Brad Jacobs has vowed not to use new-fangled brooms. LEON NEAL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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Brad Jacobs

per cent sweeping and now in the last year and a half, it's become 20 per cent shooting and 80 per cent sweeping. It's just not acceptable.

"The problem is there's no rule against it right now. It's

not as if you're cheating. It just doesn't seem right."

Coarse material on the broomheads creates a sandpaper effect on the ice. Jacobs describes it as "flattening" while others have described it as "scoring" or "scratching" the ice.

The bottom line is sweepers use the brush's impact on the ice to manipulate the rock in ways they never could before. As in any sport, if others are doing it and winning, you will do it, too.

There have been several

broom technology advances since curlers put down straw and cloth brooms and picked up brushes 40 years ago, but none this dramatic, said Curling Canada's high-performance director, Gerry Peckham.

He said Curling Canada, with the WCF, will address the broom issue even if it means calling a moratorium on directional fabric until further study. "We will work with the World Curling Federation because there is some urgency here for all of us."

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"Babs looks like a star and he didn't do a damn thing," St. Louis Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said the morning after.

"He just stood on the bench and looked bewildered — typical Babs."

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challenge through the first week — 2-for-4 on goalie interference and 0-for-1 on offside plays.

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"If we think there's even a 50 per cent chance, we're going to take the risk," Hitchcock said. "If there's a chance that it can turn in our favour, we're taking the chance and damn the timeout because it's the most overrated thing."

The Leafs and San Jose Sharks, who negated a goal by the Capitals' Dmitry Orlov on Tuesday night in Washington, have been successful so far in getting goals overturned.

Bernier and fellow Leafs goalie James Reimer said a handful of goals against might not count thanks to coach's challenges.

"I think they would be the first ones to tell you it's great for the referees, too," Bernier said. "We all make mistakes, and obviously that can change momentum of the games."

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## CFL

### Alouettes excited new QB has arrived

Receiver Nik Lewis is delighted to be reunited with veteran quarterback Kevin Glenn.

The two were teammates in 2012 and 2013 with the Calgary Stampeders and got back together when the Montreal Alouettes acquired Glenn in a trade this week.

"He was my favourite quarterback that I've played with," Lewis, who joined Montreal this season, said Thursday. "I just love his attitude and the way he approaches the game."

Glenn, acquired from Saskatchewan for a fifth round draft pick, practised with his new teammates for the first time.

Coach and general manager Jim Popp hopes to have him ready to start a home game Sunday against Hamilton.

"We'll do everything we can to get him on the field," said Popp. "He feels comfortable and the meetings have gone great."



Kevin Glenn THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He spent a lot of time (Wednesday) after he arrived, to about eight o'clock at night. Then he was back at 6:30 this morning to get back at it."

Montreal (5-9) needs to start winning games to challenge for a playoff spot with four games left in the regular season.

"Nothing worries me," said Glenn, in his 15th CFL season. "It's just learning, like going to school." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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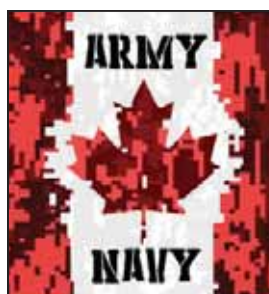
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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 20 minutes  
**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

- 1 cup basmati rice
- 2 chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1-2 tsp curry powder or paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2/3 cup of coconut milk
- 2/3 cup of chicken stock
- 1 large apple, peeled and sliced

into thin wedges  
• 1 cup of frozen peas  
• 1/4 cup of plain yogurt

### Directions

1. Prepare rice according to package instructions.
2. Brown the chicken in a bit of vegetable oil in large skillet. Add the onions and cook for about 5 more minutes. Then add the garlic and the curry and cook for another minute.
3. Add the coconut milk, chicken stock and soy and stir together.
4. Add the apple pieces and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the peas and allow them to warm through. Check to see that the chicken has cooked through.
5. Serve the curry over rice and top it with a bit of yogurt.

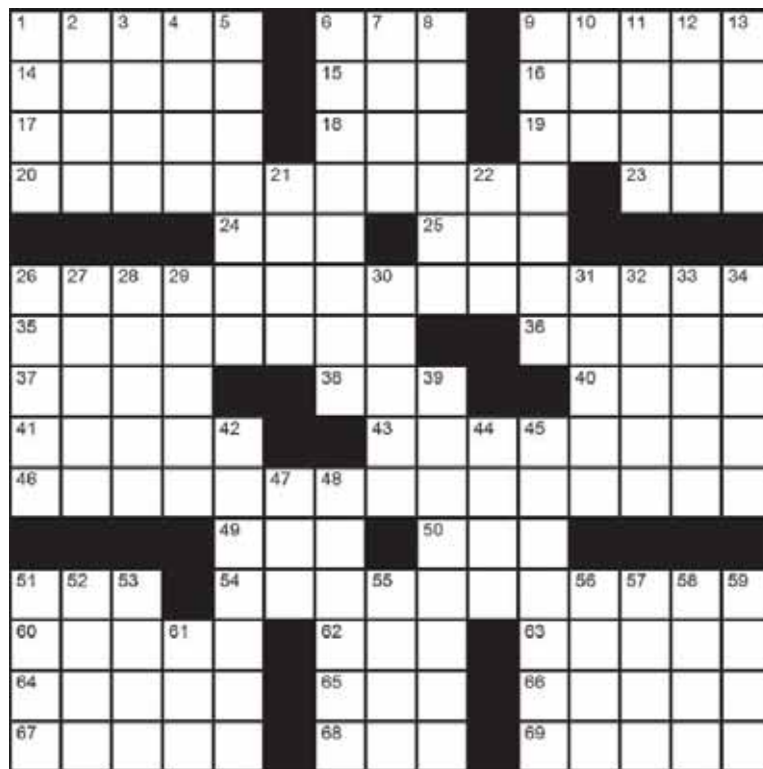
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### ACROSS

1. Actress/singer Ms. Maracle
6. Hosp. readout
9. Fireplace flickerer
14. "Alice" star Linda
15. Expert
16. Mediterranean island
17. Send to the House of Commons
18. 'Jag' add-on (Big spotted cat)
19. Yves Saint Laurent perfume
20. Gigantic red roadside attraction in Elm Creek, Manitoba: 2 wds.
23. He who loved Estella
24. Bemoan
25. French 'law'
26. FIFA 16, the new \_\_\_ by EA Sports, features women's national teams for the first time, including Canada
35. "\_\_\_ MacEvil" by Blood, Sweat & Tears
36. Knobby
37. End in \_\_\_ (Draw)
38. 'E' in HRE, briefly
40. Variant-spelled edge tool
41. Feelings
43. Move in pro wrestling: 2 wds.
46. Anglophones: 2 wds.
49. Boxing stat.
50. Gerard \_\_\_ Borch (Dutch painter)
51. Notable time



54. News, interviews, indie band airplay... Student-run operation: 2 wds.
60. Enthusiasm
62. Jon Jovi link
63. Advertising suffix
64. Sparkle
65. Egg mass

66. Be victorious in: 2 wds.
67. Skirt's stitched spots
68. Hmmms...
69. Hayes and Connery

### DOWN

1. Music notation

2. Nova Scotia's cap.
3. At all
4. Particular pudding
5. \_\_\_ days (From Friday, when it'll be Monday)
6. This brandy's French name means 'water

- of life': 3 wds.
7. "If I Had \$1,000,000" vehicle
8. President Ford
9. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest album
10. Chart
11. Radar signal
12. Ornament-

- al case
13. Highway exit
21. Portable dwelling of Mongolia
22. San Francisco's \_\_\_ Valley
26. Pool table surface
27. Go \_\_\_ a limb
28. Including others in on the memo
29. Fish-holding basket
30. Poetic feet
31. "\_\_\_ Alice..." - Jefferson Airplane, "White Rabbit"
32. Befuddle
33. Madonna's actress friend Debi
34. For short in Science.. Na, Ne and Ni
39. Fare featured on #9-Down: 2 wds.
42. Funny television shows
44. Kiki and Sandra
45. Surnamesakes of Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
47. Music style
48. Madrid 'man'
51. Frittata ingredients
52. Lindsay Lohan movie, "Georgia \_\_\_" (2007)
53. On the Atlantic
55. Ricky Nelson's "\_\_\_ Little Fool"
56. Movie director Mr. Posin
57. Mr. Carvey
58. David Bowie's wife
59. Quaker \_\_\_ Company
61. Highlands hat

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You may suspect that someone is taking advantage of your easygoing nature but don't make a fuss about it. There is no percentage in getting angry with people who take a little bit for themselves at your expense. You can afford to be generous.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
There is an air of anticipation, as if something dramatic will happen. If you keep your head you will benefit from whatever changes take place.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You might like to change the world but all you can really do is change yourself. Act only from the highest of principles today and set an example for others.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
What seemed like a setback yesterday will be seen in a much more positive light today. Your attitude toward success will change. There is no reason at all to be embarrassed if you find fame and fortune.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Your thoughts may be far away but you won't be allowed to neglect your duties for long. Employers will let you know in no uncertain terms if they think you are not pulling your weight.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Your power to influence events is limited but why should that be a bad thing? Do you really need to change things that much? Maybe it is your perspective that is wrong.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
If you want something enough you will no doubt find a way to get it, but you will get it quicker and easier if you start thinking in terms of cooperation rather than conflict. There is only so much you can accomplish on your own.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
The people you are closest too are feeling a bit neglected. Remind them what they mean to you. But don't give up on the hard work.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Whatever you do over the next few days will be a success. It will be even more of a success if you don't worry too much about how much it is likely to cost you. Money is not an issue.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Keep your plans to yourself today. If you let slip even a hint of what you are up to those who wish you ill will find ways to make things tough.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Any doubts you had about what you should be doing with your life will disappear over the weekend. Remember: you are who you are for a reason. Listen to your inner voice. Let it guide you.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
The odds are in your favour so make things easy for yourself by swimming with the tide rather than fighting against it. If someone wants to do things for you today all you have to do is let them.

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